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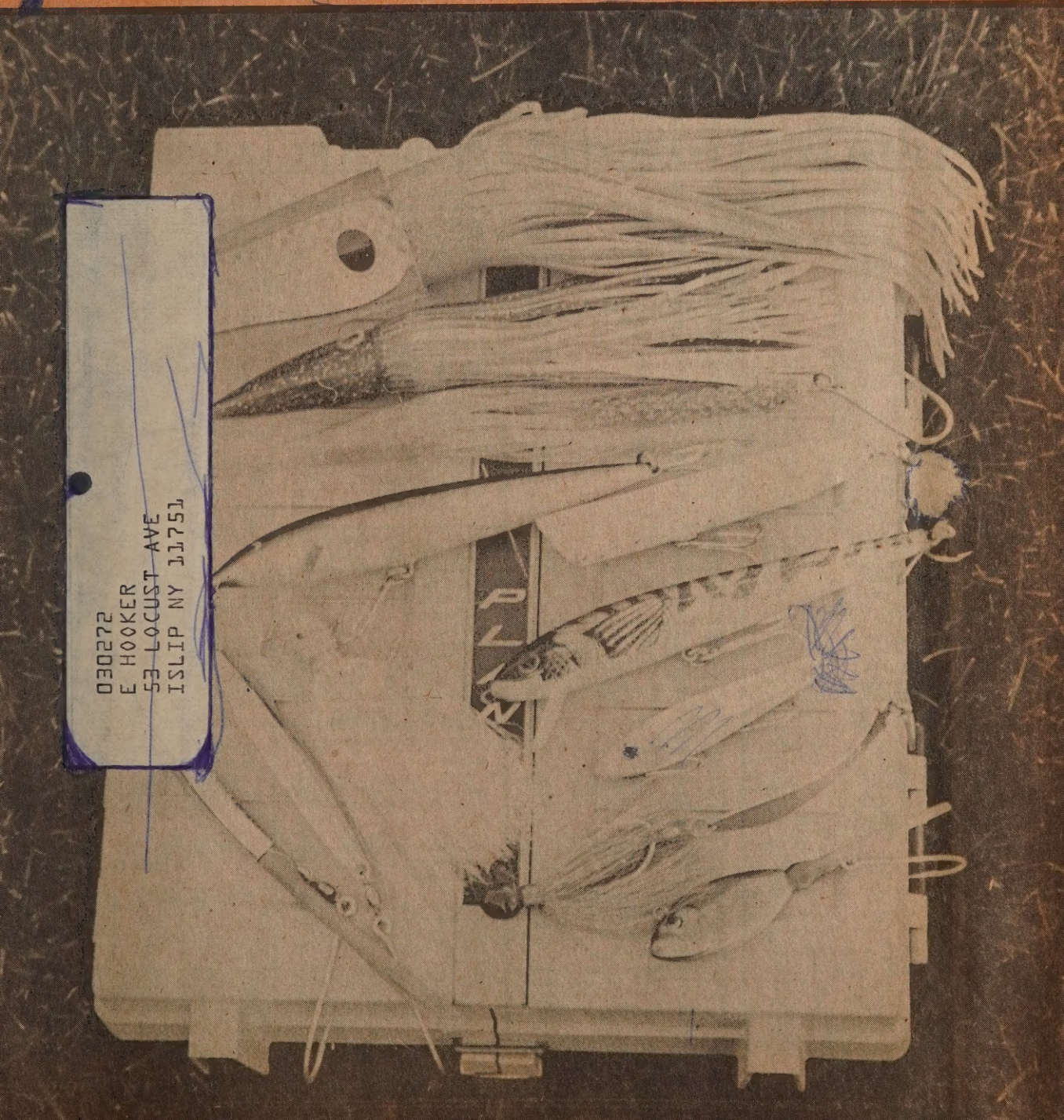

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	5:45	6:10	6:25	6:45	6:20	6:40	7:10	7:40	9:05	9:45	8:55	9:25	5:35	6:00	11/20
FRI.	6:35	7:00	7:15	7:40	7:10	7:35	7:55	8:30	10:00	10:40	9:50	10:20	6:25	6:50	11/21
SAT.	7:20	7:50	8:05	8:30	7:55	8:25	8:45	9:20	10:50	11:30	10:40	11:15	7:15	7:40	11/22
SUN.	8:10	8:40	8:55	9:20	8:45	9:20	9:35	10:10	11:40	–	11:30	–	8:05	8:30	11/23
MON.	9:00	9:30	9:45	10:15	9:40	10:15	10:25	11:05	12:25	12:30	12:05	12:20	8:55	9:20	11/24
TUE.	9:45	10:25	10:40	11:10	10:35	11:10	11:20	–	1:20	1:25	12:55	1:15	9:45	10:10	11/25
WED.	10:40	11:15	11:30	–	11:30	–	12:00	12:15	2:15	2:25	1:50	2:10	10:35	11:05	11/26
THUR.	11:30	–	12:05	12:25	12:05	12:25	1:00	1:10	3:20	3:35	2:45	3:05	11:30	–	11/27

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/21	6:58	4:34
10/22	6:59	4:34
11/23	7:00	4:33
11/24	7:01	4:32
11/25	7:02	4:32
11/26	7:03	4:31
11/27	7:04	4:31

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/7	11/15	11:22	11/29

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	2:10	**8:45**	2:40	**9:15**
Fri.	2:55	**9:40**	3:30	**10:10**
Sat.	3:50	**10:35**	4:25	**11:00**
Sun.	4:45	**11:35**	5:15	—
Mon.	5:45	**12:05**	6:15	**12:40**
Tues.	6:55	**1:10**	7:20	**1:45**
Wed.	8:00	**2:10**	8:20	**2:40**
Thurs.	8:55	**3:10**	9:20	**3:40**

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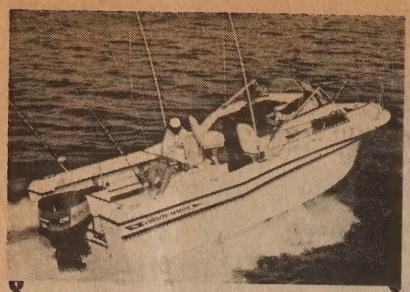

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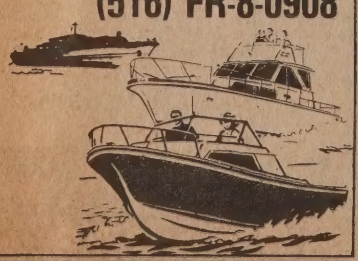

CHUM LINES

WHERE CAN I GET REELS FIXED?

I am a subscriber and fellow fisherperson and was wondering whether or not there is a tackle repair shop that would repair foreign made reels. The majority of reels that are on the market appear, by my observations, to be foreign made. However, I have been unsuccessful in finding a tackle shop that would repair two foreign made reels I own. They are: a crack 100 and a Saumon-Luxor-Mer; both are spinning reels. I would appreciate any help in locating a qualified repair shop. *F. Taribolo, Bklyn., N.Y.*

We've asked around for you, Frank, but without too much encouraging information. The reels that you need repaired were manufacutred by companies that are now out of business. Thus, there are few parts available. If the repair does not require parts, then any repair shop will be able to handle it. The best we can suggest is that you look in the bait and tackle dealers' section of our advertising. Then go to the phone and ask which might be able to help you. It will take a number of calls, but you may get lucky. Some of the staff suggest that you call Altenkirch Tackle in Shinnecock first, since at last report he was well stocked with a variety of parts for many reels. Good luck. Dr. W. A. Muller.

BEST WAY TO KEEP FISH FRESH

My questions are:

1. Shouldn't all fish be iced down, A.S.A.P. when they are subject to spoil from the heat?

2. In order to preserve the white meat on blues, shouldn't they at least be gutted, A.S.A.P. after being caught? Upon cleaning the fish that afternoon most of the fillets were red from the blood.

3. Or am I being over-cautious, and fish cleaned the same day is adequate?

4. Even on party/head boats I have used burlap bags and at least wet the fish in the bag down with sea water to help preserve them? *G. S. Maynard, Babylon, N.Y.*

Glenn, forgive us for taking the liberty of shortening your letter in order to get at the meat of your inquiries. Question 1: Whether or not fish need be iced down during the trip depends upon season and duration of the trip more than anything else. Fishing for flounder in March and April rarely requires ice, but summer bluefishing does need the ice on board in our opinion. Now, if the water is cool and the boat is equipped with the type of fish box that allows for a constant change of sea water, the need for ice is optional. However, closed boxes should have some ice and some sea water during warm weather.

Question 2: It's always wise to clean blues as soon as possible in warm weather. However, if the fish are iced, the angler need not be overly concerned if the fish are not cleaned for a considerable time. If the meat was red, it probably had more to do with the size of the fish and what they ate, rather than that the meat was spoiled. However, if the flesh was warm, then indeed the meat may have been spoiled.

Question 3: I agree. I prefer to clean and fillet my catch the same day since the quality of the flesh will be best. Each day the fish spends in the round on ice reduces the quality, which is why fish at the fish market do not usually taste as good as those that are properly cared for after being caught by yourself.

Question 4: I agree that special care needs to be taken on a party boat—especially in warm weather. Instead of wetting the bag, I'd rather bring a cooler with ice. The cold soda and sandwich will taste better, too. Dr. W. A. Muller.

COMMENTS ON LOGO

I am writing this letter to try to solve a problem with my daughter. She is seven-years-old and is very active in fishing.

I have been buying your magazine for many years. One day my daughter was browsing through your magazine and questioned the title LONG ISLAND FISHERMAN. She was arguing with me that there are more ladies fishing today than ever before. She would like to know why there is only a man on your cover and not both a man and a woman. I told her I would present this for you to solve. Please either send her a reply or put it in one of your issues. *A. Mastrocinque.*

Believe us that we have no intention of slighting our fisherpersons of the female persuasion. However, logos are funny things. They usually are designed in the early days of an enterprise, before anyone really knows what shape the business will take and without any knowledge of how society will feel about things ten or twenty years from now. Nonetheless, the logo becomes the trademark of that business and people associate it with the organization. In the case of our subscribers, a change in the logo wouldn't really mean much because we're all so close. However, for our non-fishing friends and contacts in the community, politics, industry, and government, they might become very confused if we were to change the logo. Thus, although we don't preclude the possibility of a logo change in the future, right now we think it best to stick with the one that we have in order not to interfere with the many projects we are engaged in that we believe improve sport fishing. Anyway, it isn't the symbol that means

anything, it's what's inside. We consider the men and the women fisherpeople equals and all sections of the publication reflects that philosophy. In addition, we have sought out several female writers like Ronnie DeLuca, Barbara Sands and Arlene Ricca, to mention a few who have and are writers for the publication. Thus, I can't solve the problem, but we do wish to extend our guarantee that for the staff of The Fisherman, the MAN part of the title refers only to all of us as a species! Dr. W. A. Muller.

Pass It On...

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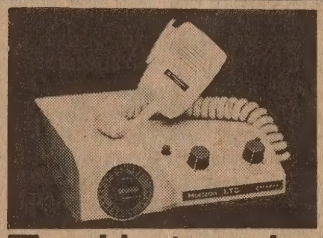

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NATIONAL SCENE

with Al Ristori

THE ELECTION AND THE PROSPECTS

As this is being written, the country is still trying to determine the reasons for the landslide Reagan victory on Election Day. It's certainly hard to explain such a large margin in terms of any one issue. The basic theme behind the vote seemed to be that it's time for a change. As explained in this column a few weeks ago, it most certainly was time for a change in this nation's fisheries policies!

Within a couple of months, Terry Leitzell (National Marine Fisheries Service boss) and many other unqualified political appointees should be removed from office. The next problem is seeing to it that the old incompetents aren't replaced with new ones! The selection process is going on right now and the concerned fishermen of this country should do what they can about influencing it. This might be best accomplished through local Republican Congressmen and New York's new Senator, Alphonse D'Amato. There is no indication at this point that the Reagan Administration has any set viewpoint about fisheries, so it behooves us to let him know that there's a constituency out here that is very concerned about the marine sport fisheries.

The change in Congress will also present us with both new problems and opportunities. The Senate was completely shaken up by the change to Republican leadership. The Commerce Committee controls fisheries in the Senate, but powerful Senator Warren Magnuson will no longer be the chairman. That Democrat from the State of Washington was caught in the Republican landslide in one of the biggest upsets of the night. Magnuson was very influential in getting the 200-Mile Limit passed, but his age was apparently the factor that caused his defeat. Right now it looks as if the chairmanship will stay on the West Coast when the Republicans organize the Senate. That spot should go to Bob Packwood of Oregon—also a firm supporter of the 200-Mile Limit, and a senator with a real interest in the fisheries.

Though the Democrats retained their hold on the House of Representatives, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will be a lot different. Chairman John Murphy was defeated in his Staten Island district, probably because of the ABSCAM scandal. Guy Molinari, the Republican State Legislator who beat Murphy has been a supporter of Lou Figurelli's conservation efforts in Staten Island and should be more friendly to sport fishing causes than was his predecessor. Now is the time to urge Molinari to seek membership on the vital Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. As friendly as a Congressman is to the causes we espouse, he can't do much good unless he's on the committee where the "action" is!

All other members of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee from the New York/New Jersey area were returned to office. Republican Norman Lent seems to get more popular in his Nassau County district every election. This time around he was accorded a two-to-one majority. Republic Bill Carney had a comfortable majority of almost 26,000 votes in his east end of Suffolk district, and will be returning to the House for a second term. Ed Forsythe is the ranking Republican on the Fisheries Subcommittee and very much concerned with sport fishing issues. He was returned in New Jersey's Sixth District by a majority of over 30,000 votes. The other New Jersey member of the Committee was also re-elected handily. Democrat Bill Hughes withstood the Reagan tide in his Cape May area district to win by over 37,000 votes. Mario Biaggi, chairman of the subcommittee dealing with boating and the Coast Guard, didn't have a thing to worry about as he had the Democratic, Republican, and Liberal endorsements. Only Leo Zefferetti, in the 15th District of Brooklyn, had trouble getting re-elected. He nipped his Republican challenger by little more than 2,000 votes.

There'll be a couple of new faces in the Long Island delegation that are possibilities for the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Gregory Carman upset Rep. Jerome Ambro in the Third District (Suffolk), and John LeBoutillier provided one of the biggest surprises of the night by turning out veteran Lester Wolff in the Sixth District (Nassau and Queens). Both newcomers are Republicans. Fishermen in those districts should ask those new Congressmen to apply for seats on the committee.

The most positive change in New York occurred in the Senate election. Hempstead Town Presiding Supervisor, Alphonse D'Amato came from relative obscurity earlier in the year to defeat Senator Jacob Javits in the Republican primary and then went on to upset Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman in the general election. As noted in this column, both Javits and Holtzman had poor fisheries records—both having opposed the 200-Mile Limit. With D'Amato we have a Senator who comes from an area where marine fisheries are important, providing us with the opportunity to exert a positive influence on his decisions in this area. It would be especially helpful if he could be convinced to apply for membership on the Commerce Committee!

It's interesting to note that most of the Senators who voted against the 200-Mile Limit just a little over four years ago are now gone. In a previous column I noted that only twelve had voted against the bill. Actually there were nineteen negative votes. However, only seven of those remain in the Senate. The others have either been defeated or retired. Defeated in this election were Culver (D-Iowa) and Javits. Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) and Richard Stone (D-Florida) were both beaten in their party's primary, and Gary Hart (D-Colorado) barely slipped in on Election night. Another one of the losers that night, Birch Bayh (D-Indiana), was one of the few who didn't vote on this issue.

Among the House opponents of the 200-Mile Limit who went down to defeat this year were Ashley (D-Ohio), Brademas (D-Indiana), Eckhardt (D-Texas), Fisher (D-Virginia), Harris (D-Virginia), Preyer (D-N.C.), and Van Deerlin (D-California). Rep. Charles Diggs (D-Michigan) spent Election night in jail for various improprieties in office. While the new House should be somewhat more sympathetic to fisheries problems, there could be a problem with the new chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. That spot will probably go to Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina. Jones represents a coastal area, including the Outer Banks, and is certainly very interested in the fisheries. However, he seems to be very much oriented toward commercial fisheries. When the fight was going on over the haul seining of jumbo wintering stripers on the National Seashore, Jones fought hard (and very effectively) for the haul seiners. That issue was never really resolved (according to law there shouldn't be any commercial activities on a National Seashore), but isn't as great a source of contention now that wintering stripers have all but disappeared from North Carolina beaches. Wiping out the stocks is one way of settling such disputes!

As I noted in my pre-election column, there are many factors involved in the process of making a decision about who to vote for. While marine sport fishermen might have had other reasons to vote for the President, there was little question from the fisheries point of view that the Carter Administration had dropped the ball. Any president is dependent on his appointees to carry out his basic policies and run the various departments efficiently. The failures of these appointees may not be the direct responsibility of the President, but ultimately he must be held responsible for the quality of his appointments. By choosing to ignore well-qualified individuals and, instead, appointing politi-

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THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) ALL SHARKS, *SUBCLASS SELACHII*, GIVE BIRTH TO FULLY DEVELOPED FREE SWIMMING YOUNG
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(2) FISH, SUCH AS EELS, THAT LIVE IN FRESHWATER, BUT MUST SPAWN IN THE SEA, ARE KNOWN AS
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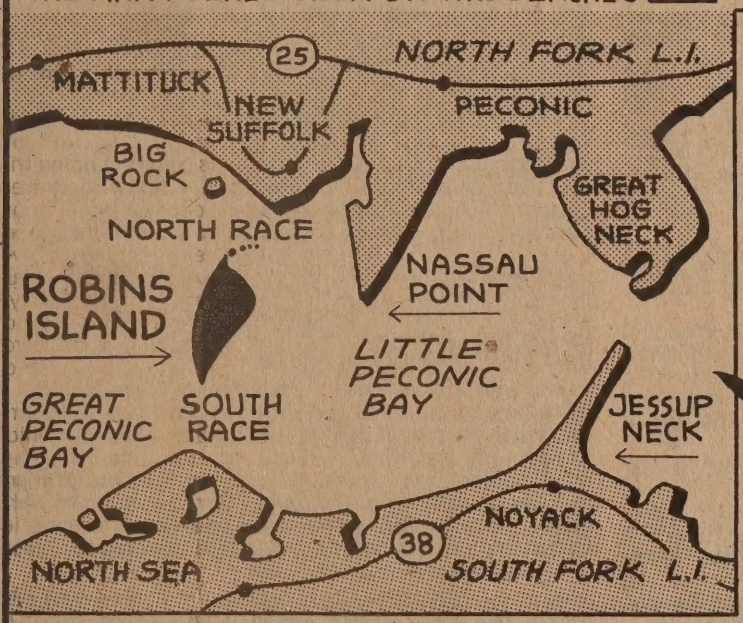
SPINEY DOGFISH

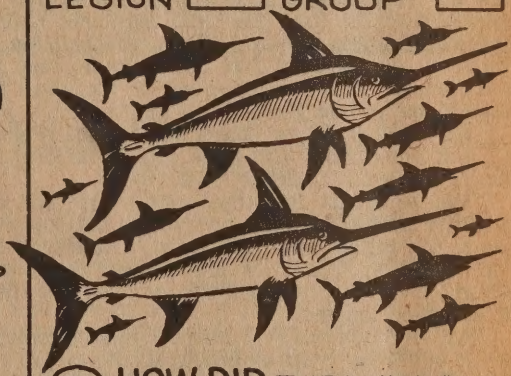
ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

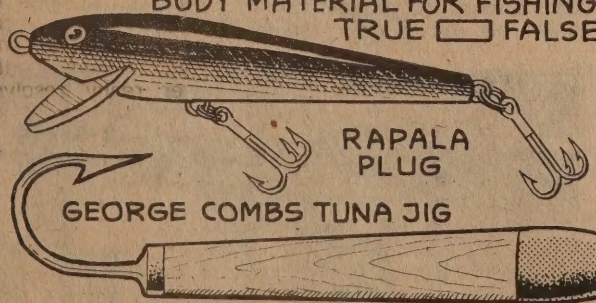
(3) ROBINS ISLAND
IN LONG ISLAND'S *PECONIC BAY* GOT ITS NAME FROM:
BEING FULL OF *ROBIN* BIRDS ☐
RICH ROBIN WHO HUNTED DEER THERE ☐
THE MANY *SEALS* SEEN ON THE BEACHES ☐



(4) SWORDFISH, GANGED UP AND ON THE MOVE, ARE KNOWN AS A SCHOOL ☐ LEGION ☐ GROUP ☐

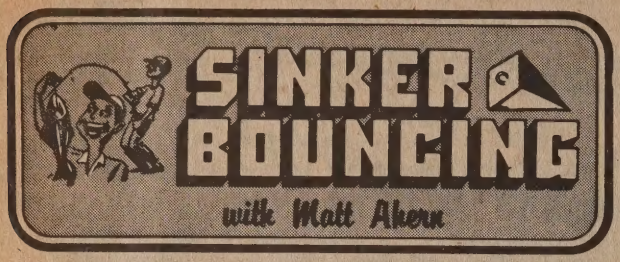


(5) MODERN PLASTICS HAVE COMPLETELY REPLACED BALSA AND OTHER WOOD AS BODY MATERIAL FOR FISHING LURES
TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐



(6) HOW DID THE WHITE TAIL DEER-*ODOCOILEUS VIRGINIANUS* GET ITS NAME, A VENISON HUNTING READER ASKS?

1-FALSE. DOGFISH (*SCYLIORHINIDAE*) AND PORT JEFFERSON SHARKS (*HETERODONTIDAE*) LAY EGGS. 2-CATADROMOUS. 3-THE DUTCH WHO DISCOVERED THE ISLAND CALLED IT *ROBBEN ISLAND*. "*ROBBEN*" IS THE DUTCH WORD FOR *THE SEALS* WHICH USED TO LIVE THERE. 4-LEGION. 5-FALSE. SEVERAL COMPANIES STILL MAKE CEDAR JIGS AND BALSA WOOD PLUGS. 6-"WHITETAIL" IS OBVIOUS. "*DEER*" IS FROM "*DYR*" MEANING "*BEAST*" IN OLD NORSE, THE LANGUAGE OF THE VIKINGS IN N. AMERICA, 900 AD. THE *GENUS* NAME IS GREEK FOR "*HOLLOW TOOTH*".



THE POWER OF FISHING

What I am about to write may or may not come as a shock to you. Ready? Do you know there are groups of citizens throughout parts of our country who have banded together to stop all sport fishing? Their reason? Sport fishing is cruel. (Notice the emphasis on "sport" fishing.) I don't know what to make of it, but evidently when these people speak of cruelty, they haven't visited their local slaughterhouse lately. Evidently these folks, feeling as they do, shun beef, poultry, pork, and sundry forms of meat products; evidently these people, feeling as they do, also shun leather jackets, leather shoes, etc. Evidently these people have led very sheltered lives.

For if not, how can they be certain when farmers harvest corn and other grains, fruit, etc., and when home gardeners wrench carrots from the soil, that these products of agriculture do not scream out in agony? Just how do these people exist without eating and clothing themselves? Do they use only synthetic material for clothing? Perhaps. But synthetic food? That I would enjoy watching. And what of that last mosquito they smashed into oblivion? Was that not cruel? It, too, must have felt pain no matter how fleeting.

So why single out sport fishermen? Think about it...and think hard! And while you're thinking about it, don't think it can't happen here.

We American fishermen finally got our disputed 200-Mile Limit after much opposition, but now the attack has subtly shifted to another front. Therefore I say this: don't scoff at its asinine preclusions. Don't treat that threat lightly. It can and will happen if we sport fishermen do not stand together.

My attention was first drawn to this movement a year or two ago when I read an article about a group of people in Virginia who were teaching school children that sport fishing is cruel. The kids were requested to take the message home to parents. To spread the word, as it were. And in Virginia there are a lot of fishermen. How do you like "them apples?" I also understand a world famous underwater scientist has gotten on the bandwagon, too.

Think about it.

Now, everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but I believe that for someone to declare that their intentions are designed to put a halt to one of the God-given rights of American citizens is, to me, a bit too much.

Think about that, too.

As you can well imagine, this sad state of affairs bothered me no end. But what to do about such a devious attack, I didn't know. Then, several weeks ago I saw a glimmer of light. It came in the morning mail.

As I wrote in last week's column, my mail load is often quite heavy. Most readers know this to be so, for many have written to me at one time or another. When I say I receive an average of one hundred letters a week, it is true. I have filing cabinet drawers and cartons filled to brimming with letters. And I immediately answer each and every one, which is as it should be.

One of these letters is the reason for writing this particular column. I will not divulge the writer's name, address, or any other means of identity. Not only have I been asked not to, but when you read this letter, you will understand why.

Here is the letter in its entirety, just as I received it. I have not put my editing pen to it, for I felt to do so might possibly take away some of its strength. I have not changed a word—with the exception, as noted, of the writer's identity.

"Dear Matt: I have written many letters to you and you have always answered them with helpful hints. I don't know where you find the time to fish, write stories, and answer all these letters. I tip my cap to you.

"This letter is for one or two (two, if you can spare them) of your booklets on the proper hook to use. I have had this problem for years. I really never know which hook is which and maybe this book can help. I sure hope so.

"Matt, I hope your stores such as those on Old Martin and Olaf continue, as I feel that I knew these men myself. They must have been something else. It's a shame that there aren't more people like Old Martin to help out youngsters of today. Maybe, just maybe, these young people will then put down their marijuana stick for a fishin' stick. I know that it is not an easy task, but it is a task that **can be done**. I know, for I was a heroin addict for many years. I gave up on life completely. I felt all people were the same, just no good. But one day I went to the (deleted) pier with an old Penn 66 and a boat pole. I didn't know anything. But I thank God for that day because it changed my life completely. I met a man (deleted) who took me under his wing that day and showed me how to rig up the right way. He was a man of utmost patience and kindness. He didn't know my problem and I just didn't have the heart to tell him as I didn't want to lose his friendship. I didn't catch anything that day, but I went back the next day and there was ---- in the same spot. He taught me a little more and introduced me to other fishermen who were just as helpful and kind. I didn't understand how people could be so nice and kind without any thought of getting anything back in return. I never met people like this. I said to myself there are good people around. From that week on, I went back to the ---- pier and learned what I could. After about two weeks, I hit into a twelve pound weakfish and I never enjoyed anything as much as that weak in all my life.

"Since then, I kicked that heroin habit in a hospital, met a wonderful woman, got married and I'm working hard and steady and am fishing every chance I get. Matt, I feel that fishing has saved my life (literally) as I surely would be dead today the way I was going.

"God gave me a second chance and I am taking full advantage of it. I am a fisherman at heart and I will be a fisherman the rest of my life. I still go to the ----pier every chance I get and when a young man asks me something about fishing, I am more than happy to help out as much as I can because he or she might have been in the same shape I was in and maybe they will find the sport as fascinating as I did and do. I am more than happy to help out young people whenever I can.

"Matt, you had a lot to do in helping, too, as I would read the LIF like it was a bible, especially Sinker Bouncing and every week I would learn more, not only of fishing techniques, but of becoming a human being and a sport in every sense of the word. To me a great fisherman isn't one who catches the biggest fish, but the one who will put down his rod to help someone in understanding, and

Fishing has been the salvation of many youngsters who might otherwise be up to their eyeballs in trouble.

helping someone not as fortunate as he.

"I hope I haven't been boring you with this story, but it's all true and I just want to thank you and LIF for everything you have taught me—not only of being a better fisherman, but of being a better person. Thanks from my heart, (SIGNED)

"P.S.—Please don't forget the booklets. Whatever you can spare will be appreciated because I can give them to some of the youngsters on the ---- pier. Thanks again for everything, Matt!"

Now, that is the letter. Of the many hundreds of letters I've received over the years, none was ever like this. It left me breathless in the telling. I lost no time in reply. I sent my congratulations and requested permission to publish the letter in full, giving the assurance that I would not divulge identity or cause embarrassment in any way.

Here is the reply.

"My Dear Friend Matt, I hope you don't mind me calling you a dear friend, as we have never been formally introduced, but through your most interesting and informative columns, I feel as if I know you for years and years, as I am sure so many fellow sinker bouncers you amuse feel. I don't know if amuse is the correct word, but I say it because you make me feel as a child amused with a hero. You are definitely the kind of guy someone like me can look up to and try to learn from. Your stories make me feel as if I have known you for years and that I am fishing beside you on the old Rose R in Canarsie or with your old pal Artie L. You must have truly enjoyed yourself all these years and I hope you enjoy yourself for years and years to come.

"I want to thank you very much for your quick reply to my letter to you and for all the booklets you sent with your reply. I promise to hand out your booklets to all the kids on the --- pier and tell them they came from the Ol' Salt, Matt Ahern, himself. Thanks again.

"As for my permission to write up my story in your column, you indeed have my permission. If just one person reads the story and learns something from my mistakes it would be wonderful. No one who hasn't experienced such a life will never know just how horrible it can be. I look back at my past like someone looks back at a horrible nightmare they dreamt over and over. Most of my buddies died of overdoses, bullets, or suicide. So you can see wha. I mean when I say that God surely gave me a second chance at life. They weren't bad guys. We just got mixed up in something we knew nothing about: If someone could have looked around and saw the shape we were in and maybe showed us a sport such as fishing there might be twelve or thirteen guys alive today. But ifs don't count. It's too late for them, but not too late for a lot of kids around today, getting themselves into something they don't realize is so very, very dangerous. If I can ever help anyone by my letter in your column, I'd be more than happy to do so.

"Matt if you decide to use the article (letters), maybe you could use just my first name and instead of naming the --- pier just say some pier in --- as I know a lot of people would know it was me as I am kind of well known on the pier and I take my family to the pier and I don't want them having to be ridiculed on my account. I am sure you understand that, being a family man yourself.

"But by all means you have my permission and as I said, if we help one kid with it, it would all be worthwhile.

"Well, Matt, I will end this letter now. I hope that I didn't bore you with all this junk, but I just wanted you to know a little about the way I feel about something you don't know too much about, and that is drugs.

"If there is anything I can ever do to help someone out who is in trouble like mine, I would surely do so. Thanks, Matt and good fishing to you, too. SIGNED."

These are the two letters. When I received them, I knew my opportunity to reply to those who desire to stop sport fishing had come. I'll conclude this by saying if any of these spoil-sports, including that world famous underwater scientist, can show me that they have saved one life in any of their endeavors as these letters prove sport fishing has done, I would be happy to hear from them.

In these two letters, my sinker bouncing friends, is proof positive of THE POWER OF FISHING.

NATIONAL SCENE

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cal hacks in NOAA and NMFS, Carter created a situation in which there was little hope for success.

I have no assurance that the Reagan Administration will do any better in this area. However, we should have profited from our experience of the last four years. To simply trust a seemingly well-intentioned Administration to appoint well-qualified people is to court disaster. It's up to you and me to apply the pressure which ensures such appointments. The prospects are bright, so let's now blow this opportunity!

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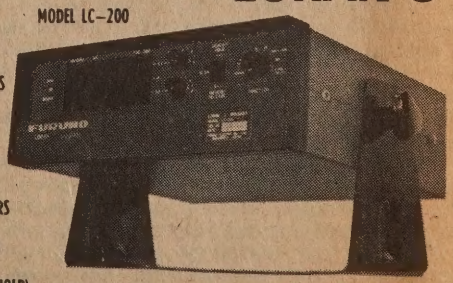

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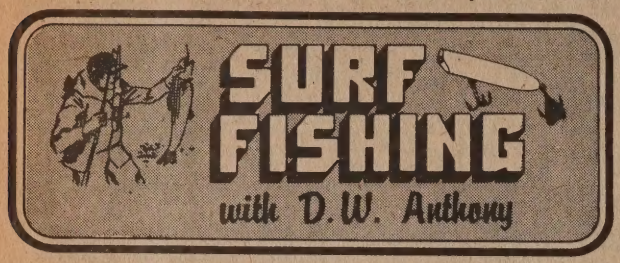

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

They tell me this is the time of the year when the column begins to swing over to "how-to make" and "how-to remake" in content. Rightfully so, I guess, since by late November there isn't likely to be a great deal of consistent surf fishing in the waters of Long Island. Sure, almost any spot that produced for you during the heart of the season can produce now, but this will be a hit-or-miss affair and not the kind of action you can count on. I remember years when nice bass moved along the south shore beaches as late as early December. But that's ancient history, so without the full stocks of bass migrating up and down the coast such satisfying action isn't likely to occur.

I made a pitch anyway to do a late article on catching fish in spite of the usual pattern of the column's contents. I guess I made a good case, because here I am writing about it.

To my way of thinking there is only one place to be in late November if you seriously expect a big bass. That spot is Montauk! I'm not an expert on such things, so I can't really say why big bass are still feeding in Montauk waters so late, while elsewhere they have flown the coop. If I had to guess, I would say that these fish will not migrate, but will become winter residents in nearby deeper water. Anyway, with the blues thinned out and the rat bass thinned out, the big stripers maybe have a chance to get on one of those plugs.

Judging from the lack of luster in the surf fishing scene throughout the year, if any kind of a late fall run does get doing, you can bet that the word will travel fast and that before your car can turn around, the fellas will be set up like a picket line. Montauk is a tough place to fish and like any other spot on the Island there are no guarantees. The name Montauk may be magic, but it isn't paradise where everyone catches fish everyday. There are many reasons why Montauk is a tough spot and guys like John Fritz and Fred Golofaro have covered these reasons in detail. But in summary, I'll quickly state that it's rocks, waves, and crowds that make it rough.

However, this late in the season there are a couple of facts that take the edge off these items. For one thing, it is likely to be quite cold come the end of November and that discourages a lot of people. The long drive to Montauk and the price of gasoline will also discourage some. Finally, this late in the season, the sun is low, it's often overcast, boat traffic is way, way down, and the fish are hungry. But put all these things together and the fish frequently feed in the daytime, and that means, of course, that the fishermen can fish in the day. Most of the regulars will still prefer to fish at night because, overall, the chances for quality will be better at night, so there may be a few choice spots open in the day when the tide hits its stride.

In spite of the factors that will keep the crowds down a bit, don't expect an empty beach if there are fish around. If the fish have been showing up at only one or two spots on a regular basis, you can bet that ninety-nine percent of the fishermen will be at those spots at the right time. And what are the spots that will most likely produce so late? Although any spot from Shagwong to Hither Hills has the potential, in recent years when big fish feed late, it has been mostly at North Bar and under the Light, with the most consistency at the Light. Now, since both spots are usually not productive at the same stage of the tide, you can bet that the group will move from one spot to the other as the tide turns.

The Light is a great bass spot, but it's also one of the toughest places to fish at Montauk because the heave is usually right into your face; there is no beach, and there are only a limited number of spots to plant your weary body. In any event, the light is basically productive on the incoming tide, with the last of the incoming the best.

North Bar is easier to fish since there is a beach. However, the regulars will usually push quite far out and if there are wet suiters working so late (brrrrr), they will be so far out so as not to inhibit the guys with waders. North Bar is most productive on the outgoing tide. So the guys will gather for incoming at the Light, staking out the prime rocks, and then hustle to North Bar for the outgoing.

Years ago, Shagwong was a great late spot. In fact, it wasn't that unusual to watch schools of fish make up in the rip there in the afternoon along with the usual clouds of birds. The same can be said of the south side. However, with less bait and fewer bass, that's all changed. I didn't bring the topic up to discourage you, but only to suggest that you keep an eye on these spots because fishing is so changeable. This late November could see a return to the old type of fishing. It would be a shame to be sitting at North Bar for three or four hours only to find out the next day that they took fish at Shagwong.

If the pattern of the last few years continues, then you'll have crowds to contend with, especially on weekends, if some quality fish are taken. In that case, if you want to survive and catch fish there are a few things that may help a lot.

If you're new to Montauk, don't push matters too far. Know your limits. Remember that you aren't too familiar with the terrain and you may not be used to the unique combination of fishing conditions that make Montauk fishing what it is. With that caution out of the way, you'll need to know how to "take care of business." By that, I mean how to get the job done without messing somebody else up.

Under the light the rules are simple. If you haven't arrived early enough and there aren't any fishable spots left, you'll have to wait for an opening. Don't try to squeeze in because the chances are that you'll only turn the guys against you and if you're new to Montauk you'll need the help of the regulars sooner or later. Make sure that your wading boots or waders have felt soles so that you can handle the slippery rocks: both the ones that you stand on and the ones that are submerged and virtually everywhere. Whether it's North Bar or the Light, don't fish with light tackle. With light tackle you'll not be able to throw the lures that you must throw to reach and take the fish. In addition, your casts will be short and that means you'll tangle others as you retrieve since the sweep of your retrieve will be different from those that are fishing heavy tackle around you.

The basic lures that work under the Light are tins and big poppers in the day and bottle plugs and darters at night. Of course, there are the exceptions, and I have seen a few tremendous exceptions, but they remain exceptions. For those of you who have never used either a darter or a bottle plug before, you're in for a surprise especially in a place like Montauk where the water in late fall is usually rough and most certainly will have a good heave (ground swells from the ocean). Ground swells are less of a problem the farther to the west you go, but under the Light some kind of wave action can be expected. The darter and bottle plug do not have metal lips and therefore they don't automatically begin to swim the instant you begin your retrieve. If you retrieve very slowly without setting the plug, it won't likely swim at all. So you'll need to set the plug by picking up the slack and making a few quick turns of the reel handle. When the resistance of the plug diving under the surface is felt, then a few sharp thrusts of the rod tip will usually set the plug in swimming pattern. Then you'll feel the plugs throb as they swing in the current. Incidentally, these plugs aren't really worth a damn if you don't have a good current and that's one of the reasons why they have produced so well over the years at Montauk. In many spots, like the Light and North Bar, the currents are strong and make these plugs work well. However, in very rough and windy weather, the forces will conspire to prevent the plugs from working. A wind in

get into the productive parts of the rip, but much of the structure is gone. However, the rip still moves smartly. Cast your plug to the left slightly. If you pretend that there is a clock laying on the water around you, you would cast to the vicinity of ten o'clock. Do not cast straight out since you'll be crossing the lines of other fishermen as their plugs are in the most productive part of the retrieve. Your plug will not begin to work well until after it has swung a bit into the rip and then it will throb and swing quickly to the right for a short while. When the throbbing diminishes, reel in the plug quickly for another cast. Timing of the casts is also important. The person on your left should cast about ten seconds before you and the person on your right about ten seconds after you. This pattern of casting will mean that all the plugs are out at different distances and that the angle of the lines with respect to one another will be different and this makes tangles almost an impossibility.

That's the ideal situation and there are times, especially when most of the guys know each other, that this pattern actually holds up. However, most of the times folks get a little too anxious and most of the time there is no pattern.

If you get a good fish you should slide to the right. Don't try to hold your spot. Walk the fish, otherwise the casts of other fishermen will tangle with your fish. However, if you walk the fish to the end of the line this will not be a problem.

Well, there's much more, although I'm confident that I've hit the highlights. I'll have to stop because I'm running out of space. But I can't resist one last word. If you are going to fish Montauk in late November, bring along some sinkers, flounder hooks, and flounder bait. Frequently, there are good-sized flounders to be had in the day by casting to the left of North Bar into Clark's Cove. It's a great way to enjoy the crisp fall days and get some great eating for the table, too.

your face will make the plugs come in on you and often you'll have to reel too fast to keep them working and if the fish won't take the faster retrieve you may be out of business. The darter which usually rides higher in the water than the bottle plug may come free from the crest of the wave thus making it harder to keep the plug working. You'll need to develop a feel for the plug's action and when the plug is in the crest of the wave, let it settle so that instead of bursting through the crest it will settle on the back side of the wave. The water on the back side is falling and thus pulling away from the fishermen and if you resume your retrieve then the plug will begin to work nicely. Many a hit comes as that plug settles on the back side of the wave and then begins to throb again. In the day you can see this; but at night, when the plugs are more likely to be used, you can't see it and you need to get that feel. Try it in the day for practice until you get used to it.

These same plugs are the ticket at North Bar too, except that shallower water may give the edge to the higher riding darter, especially in the last hours of the ebb tide. It is at North Bar where you'll find the picket line. It's important to take care of business. If there are quite a few fishermen in the water already, you'll notice that they have set up with each fisherman pretty much the same distance from the surf fishermen on either side of him. Don't squeeze in! At North Bar you have several choices whereas at the Light you had one. At North Bar you can wait for an opening, or you can move down towards the east in the direction of False Bar. There are frequently fish at the eastern end of North Bar since fish move into the rip at North Bar apparently from all directions and presumably when they get their "fill," they drift back with the tide towards False Bar and then Jones Reef. This may be especially true in the last few hours of the outgoing tide.

If you get a spot on the line at North Bar, go out as far as everybody else. Don't go further and don't cast from behind them. If the fishermen are out further than you prefer, move to the east. Once in the line and using the darter or bottle (take a look and see what the others are throwing and that'll be a good tip-off as to what the fish are taking—note the color, too, since that's often very important). The rip at North Bar will be moving from left to right as the water comes out of Clark's Cove and over the shallows at North Bar. Years ago, the bar was larger and shaped differently which permitted more fishermen to

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water in preference to the PCBs when water is present. Thus, water will need to be removed from contaminated material and that could add some cost to the process.

HOW COME? Mike Saracco has designs on an Ugly Stik and sent us a very good letter. Sorry we can't give you an Ugly Stik for this one, but we do appreciate the letter very much and we thought that our readers might also like to share in your question. "How come the most used bait for codfishing is the clam? By this I mean, a codfish in its natural state would never see a clam without its shell; it's not one of its usual foods. Yes, clam is cheap and easy to use, etc., but if it is not a usual food, why not use something better? When you go codfishing, you need bushels of clams, some bait for the hook, and most for the chum. This chum is used to create a miniature feeding station for crabs and baitfish that, in turn, attract the codfish. Since crabs are a natural food and usually are found in the stomachs of cod, why not use crabs as bait? In the late fall and winter, the spotted sand crabs are available for those using a crab net. Wouldn't you have a better chance of catching codfish using a natural food for bait?"

DARNED IF I KNOW, MIKE! You make a good case. However, the clam is part of the natural fodder for cod. In fact, everything is part of the natural fodder for cod. They simply will eat anything dead or alive. If they can catch a baitfish without too much trouble, they'll gobble them up. Winter flounders are commonly found in their stomachs, as are beer bottles, lobsters, tin cans, crabs, squid, etc. I do agree that we often get into bad habits simply because they seem to work pretty well. Take, for example, the use of bunker as bait for striped bass—even when there are no bunker around for fifty miles. WHY? Wouldn't worms or eels be better if these are around in the area? Sure, codfish can suck clams out of the sediment, but wouldn't crabs be better? You are right when you say that the main reason for the widespread use of clams is the price and the convenience. We have a suggestion for you! Why not try out your theory. Go codfishing and take along some clams for chum and some crabs for bait. Try it and let us know how you do. Sometimes the greatest techniques are discovered by people who reason it out, the way you have done, that there should be a better way. They go out and prove that there is. I can't be more definitive for you, however, because I'm not much of a codfisherman. I've only gone a few times and only caught a few cod. You, on the other hand, sound like an old hand at codfish.

MIKE'S POSTSCRIPT. "Incidentally, sand crabs are available to those who try for them because I saw several guys load up on them. I took a drive to Captree last December to see what the boats were catching. While I was there, I spotted two guys fishing on the piers. I went over to see what they were doing and was surprised to see that they were crabbing. They had a thirty-two gallon can filled with sand crabs. I asked them what they were going to do with them, and they said that the claws were very good to eat. Couldn't these crabs be used for bait? Also, are they good eating?" Well, we haven't tried them as yet, but we have been tempted to do so on several occasions. Others have told us that they are very good to eat and a few have said they are better than blue claw crabs. As far as bait goes—try it! I would suggest that you prepare them as if they were green crabs used for blackfish. That is, take the shell off and the claws where the hooks will go in and out again. Good luck!

FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

ALL THINGS FOR NOVEMBER READING

WORMS ALIVE! Louis Mercieca of Woodhaven, New York must have some grand designs on stocking the freezer with fat fillets of fall flounder. He recently asked us: "I would like to know if you have any information on how to keep blood and sand worms alive for two weeks to a month. What do they eat? I wrote a letter to a worm farm where they breed night crawlers, but received no answer." First of all, Louis, in defense of the night crawler farmer, he probably did not answer you because he knows that his earthworms are very different than the saltwater worms and, therefore, cannot help you. Terrestrial worms are quite easy to grow and keep. Simply provide a moist, shallow bed that has plenty of organic material, and the worms will breed and grow. They can then be harvested and shipped all over the world for bait. Scientists have been trying to discover methods of culture that will be successful on sea worms, but have not as yet made any real progress. Although some successes have been reported, it is not yet feasible to culture the worms on a mass scale. However, we have no doubt that the techniques will be developed within the next decade. That doesn't mean, however, that you can't keep these worms alive for considerable periods of time. Different fishermen have successfully used a variety of approaches, but the essential ingredients for success include a cool place, some moisture, but not too much, and a material that will allow them to move about yet maintain body contact on several sides. One technique uses a refrigerator that is kept at a cool, but not cold setting. Thus, the typical family food refrigerator will not work well. Others keep the worms cool in a basement or garage. Usually, either a strong cardboard box (usually waxed) or a wood box about two feet by two feet is used. The box is shallow and the exact dimensions are not very important. Some folks shred paper for the bottom material; some use clean sand, and others use seaweed. All materials must be wetted with sea water and then drained so that the environment is damp, but not wet. Dead worms should be removed frequently to avoid the death of the entire community. There is no need to feed the worms since even if you tried, they most likely would not eat anyway. The key is the cool and damp environment. When they are kept cool their metabolism will slow down and this will allow them to survive for long periods. I don't know if you can keep the worms alive for a month, but I have known fishermen to keep them alive for several weeks.

SURPRISING? When some people learn that this is the best way to keep the worms alive—and we're sure that there are numerous variations—they frequently are surprised. After all, the worms live in the sea. However, they spend the better portion of their lives in the sand and mud. Therefore, they are really not surrounded by water. They fit rather snugly into their burrows; therefore, there is dampness, but not excessive moisture. Seaworms can tolerate exposure to a liquid environment for short periods (as when they spawn), but if kept in a fish tank, for example, they will drown in a few hours to a few days. There is an exception that we have heard about. One guy swears that the worms can be kept alive for long periods in water that is continuously aerated. That's possible, but the moist cool box is often more convenient.

STRIPERS TO BE STUDIED! It isn't news to anybody that the Atlantic Coast striped bass is in some difficulty. Although the Hudson River stock seems to be in fine shape. the Chesapeake stock supplies the lion's share to the coastal fishery and it has been declining since 1974 to what is now a twenty-one year low in the cycle. A Federal, state, and private cooperative effort has begun research on the reasons for the severe fluctuations that take place in the striped bass fishery. Some scientists have suggested that pollution on the spawning grounds, the destruction of the natural habitat, heavy fishing pressure, and natural events have conspired to cause these declines. Now, the Fish and Wildlife Service will join forces with NOAA to study the problem. The studies will be funded by the Chafee Amendment which provides $1 million for research in 1980, $1¾ million in 1981, and $2 million in 1982. We HOPE that these funds are used wisely in order to add new insights into the striped bass fishery and not wasted by grant-hungry scientists and bureaucrats. In the 1960s and 1970s, science has become more and more involved with their techniques and less involved with the animals they research. The key, to my way of thinking, should be the animal and any researcher should first demonstrate an understanding of the animal before receiving research funds. It isn't enough to understand the beast's physiology and anatomy, but the scientist needs to know behavior and the "moods" of the fish if that scientist is to be in a position to successfully interpret the meaning of research data. We'll wait and see!

NICE WORDS AND TERNS! George Murtaugh of Freeport recently sent in some very kind words. "As a subscriber from the initial issues, I think you and Matt Ahern are the **Yin** and **Yang** of Long Island fishing writers. Meaning that between you two (from the scientific to the seat-of-the-pants, down-to-earth approaches—he, Matt, seems also to be a rarity: a fisherman/practical advisor with a historical bent and a damn good story teller), you both have the spectrum covered one hundred percent. I really enjoy the magazine, principally because of both of you. Incidentally, you may be interested in the enclosure from the South Shore Chapter of the Audubon Society (I'm their token hunter—I think?!). It makes reference to the tern colony at West End Two. Maybe you could call attention to the not-so-good situation there?" You bet we can, George. In fact, our readers may be interested in reading a good article on the tern problem that appeared in the October 19 issue of Newsday's Long Island Magazine. Terns are in trouble, mostly as a result of man. Man's activity and habits tend to encourage the success of tern predators like the sea gull, destroy their nesting grounds, and pressure the birds off other areas. Of course, one of the interesting discussions that has surface again and again over the years, has been the effects of beach buggies on the tern population. Strict environmentalists contend that buggies run over nests, killing eggs and young. We disagree in the sense that appropriate buggy use, restricted to the beach tracts will not encounter tern nests. It is the unauthorized and illegal use of buggies that kills the birds. Dogs kill birds, as do rats that thrive on the garbage we humans scatter everywhere. Dogs are illegal on the state park beaches, yet people continue to break the law. Ridding the beaches of fishermen's buggies will not solve the tern problem. More sensible human behavior and greater law enforcement will make a difference.

THANKS TO ROBERT T. PRASKIN OF RIVERDALE, NEW YORK, for bringing to our attention some very interesting information about PCBs. He sent us a copy of an article that appeared in the August 25 issue of the Journal of Commerce. The headline reads: "PCB SYSTEM OFFERED AT NO COST." In the article written by J.O. Trauernicht, the author explains that Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company has come up with a system for eliminating dangerous PCBs from industrial wastes. The process is said to convert the PCBs into harmless table salt and another organic material that can be safely disposed of. The most important features of the process are low cost (only pennies per pound of material converted), the ability to recycle many industrial materials that are contaminated with high levels of PCB and are in storage now, and the fact that the process is being made available free. There is one drawback and that is that the material to be treated for PCB conversion must be water-free since the key reagent used in the process will react with the

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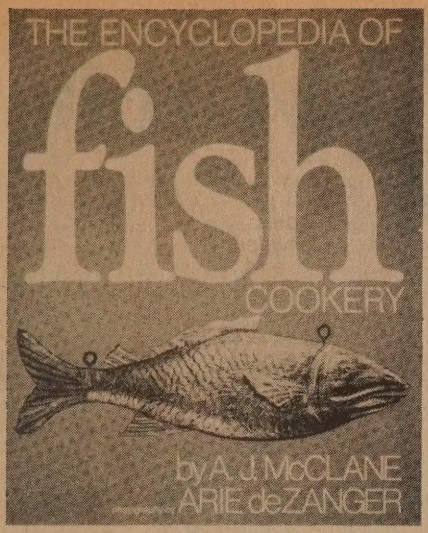

Fireside Reading

Part One—by Fred Golofaro

With winter again rearing its ugly head, many anglers will turn to books to provide the stimulus necessary to make it through those long, cold and fishless nights.

Here at The Fisherman, we have compiled a library of what we feel are some of the best books written on our favorite sport. Whether you are seeking an education in basic methods or techniques, looking to sharpen your skills in the area of rod building or lure-making, seeking a better understanding of your favorite game fish—whether it be striped bass, bluefish, shark or billfish, or wish to tempt the palate of friends and loved ones with new recipes garnered from the pages of a fine cookbook, we're sure to be covering a book that will suit your needs.

Keep in mind, too, that with Christmas just around the corner, books make great gifts for anglers of any age.

Since I'm a bit biased to start with, let's take a look at a couple of books which are MUST reading for the surfcasters among us.

ALL ABOUT SURF FISHING by Jack Fallon is as thorough a work on the subject as you will ever need. The author tells it all: how to fish the high surf, the quiet backsides, bridges, jetties and piers. Besides covering such basic topics as tackle requirements, lures, baits and the different species encountered in the surf, there are chapters entitled "Surf Strategy," "Fly Fishing," "Safety in the Surf," "Great Surf Spots," and an especially interesting piece consisting of contributions by surf standouts such as Frank Woolner, Milt Rosko, Frank Daignault and Ken Lauer. Mr. Fallon's engaging style is sure to provide you with a bundle of enjoyment as he takes you through all the paces. As others before me have described this book, **ALL ABOUT SURF FISHING** is the "perfect guide." Published by Winchester Press, it is well illustrated throughout its two hundred eighty-four pages. It is available in hard cover for $8.95.

Lester C. Boyd's **ATLANTIC SURF FISHING** is a fine piece of work. The author's coverage of basic surf skills and requirements will enable you to go forth from Maine to Maryland with a better than average chance of scoring in the suds. The book is dotted with colorful anecdotes and Mr. Boyd's reverence for the sport is revealed as he reminisces about some of his past experiences. Section Seven of the book, entitled "To Fish The Surf," is sure to draw more than a grin or two from even the crustiest salts among us.

Of particular interest is a chapter which is loaded with specific information on how to fish each section of the Atlantic Coast. New England, Long Island, and New Jersey are all covered in detail. This one hundred fifty-five page paperback is available for $3.95 and is published by Stone Wall Press.

If offshore fishing is your game, then **BILLFISH** by Charles O. Mather is sure to please. The hard-fishing biologist spent thirteen years compiling the contents of this magnificent book. Included are never before published action photos, as well as detailed charts on the worldwide movement of swordfish, marlin and sailfish.

Newly-discovered data on migration and eating habits, how these fish hear, sleep and taste, and information on their intelligence abilities all help to provide the serious big game angler with valuable insight into the habits of these fish. The book is totally billfish and Mather doesn't miss a trick. The collection of photos alone make the cover price of $20 a bargain. Published by Saltaire Publishing Ltd., the two hundred seventy-two page book is distributed in the United States by Brooke House, Inc.

Whenever experts such as Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin collaborate on a book, the result is certain to be something special. **PRACTICAL FISHING KNOTS** is no exception. This is by far the most thorough guide to knots, lines and splices for fresh and salt water angling, including flyfishing, spinning, baitcasting, wire-line trolling and big game.

This most vital subject is dealt with to such a degree of completeness that no angler's library should be without the book. All of the necessary knots are demonstrated in detail with step-by-step photos and instruction. Also found within the book's one hundred sixty pages are a wealth of data on the mysteries of monofilament and the complexities of fly lines.

Published by Crown Publishers, hard-cover editions retail for $5.95. Because of the book's general appeal on an all-around vital subject, you might want to give this one a little extra consideration as a Christmas gift idea.

If anyone in the world of fishing can forego an introduction, it is surely is A.J. McClane. His **NEW STANDARD FISHING ENCYCLOPEDIA**, which we will deal with in an upcoming "Fireside Review," is regarded as THE standard reference for anglers. His **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FISH COOKERY** is no less a standard of reference for seafood lovers all over the world. With photography by Arie deZanger, the 511-page volume is as much a lesson in culture and piscatorial lore as it is a superb cookbook. Six hundred ninety-five color photos help provide step-by-step instruction for preparing scores of dishes. Among those I have sampled myself and which, by the way, made a big hit with dinner guests were the Filet De Sole Florentine on page 369 (rolled flounder fillets with a spinach filling and topped with a deliciously mild cheese sauce) and an "eastern-ized" version of California Cioppino, described on page 133 and consisting of a saucy blend of clams, fish fillets, shrimp, crabmeat, and a complementary mixture of seasonings. Here, again, is a perfect Christmas gift and one that has bailed me out on several occasions when shopping for friends and relatives who "have everything." This handsome work is published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston and retails for $35.

THE ULTIMATE PARTNER

by Frank Daignault

Recently a riverman, whom I did not know, looked at Joyce and described my situation as Utopian. Nothing unkind was meant; he was imagining what it would be like to have a wife for a fishing partner. No doubt, when not taking it all for granted, it is just that—ideal.

The thing about fishing together is that it solves most of the problems which anyone with any time in grade knows have a way of ruining fishing, the marriage—or both. If small boy pickerel fishing counts, I've got thirty years and in that time, I have the feeling that I've seen it all: Friday night battles with the old lady throwing everything in sight at my buddy while he put his gear in my car; guys who regretted going home so badly after fishing that they knocked down a pint of hard stuff on the way; women, who when I called, would say that their husbands were not at home; and companions who, after a blitz, prayed silently that Momma would give them one more day. Don't get me wrong. Not everyone that I've ever fished with was married to a Halloween job. Many were understanding. But the bottom line, regardless of the wife's attitude, was that compromise and conflict were involved. If the fellow fished with a blessing, he knew that there were limits; if he went anyway, it was only a matter of time before either the tackle was for sale or part of the settlement.

Fishing does that to men. It's a love affair that can wreck a marriage. What woman is going to sit home, trapped, kids tugging in every direction, while His Majesty knows nothing of the confinement, enjoying life as though he were still single? If your dedication to angling is without compromise and the marriage is worth saving, there's only one solution: take her with you.

It sounds easy and you can ask anyone who has tried it, to find out that it isn't. It first becomes a case of motivation. Most women are willing to give it a try because they fear, as we do, that failure can force a choice. However, the inherent weakness in the efforts of many husband/wife teams is a desperate effort on the women's part to appear to be enjoying, to going along. Often it's a case of not being truly turned on, psyched to the actual fishing experience. One can pretend only so long. Weather and time take a toll. For someone who isn't really excited about fishing nothing can be more boring than standing in a boat all day or on a beach all night. You have to get their adrenalin flowing. To accomplish this, choose a type of fishing where her chances of success are better. It's a mistake to troll all night for one striper when you can be up-tight with bluefish all day. Teach and help out, but don't allow your efforts to make her overly dependent. Keep adding to her list of developed skills. For instance, the first couple of trips she may be only reeling fish in, allowing you to do the casting. But eventually she should be baiting up and casting her own line. Never forget that fooling a person into thinking she's caught a fish brings on empty victories where you're kidding one another. The sooner a person has a complete role in catching a fish, the sooner she'll catch one that has real meaning. The above consideration—the psyche—is no doubt the most sensitive. The mind is the obstacle. You need a special experience for her that can win her over to fishing. It doesn't come easily and it has to be real. I'm always awed, in the telling of fish stories around the house, of which fish stand out in the memories of my wife, Joyce, as well as our three daughters. None of them make much mention of their biggest striper, but each of them has a particular one embedded in their mememory, and always it's a case of some personally applied technique that spelled success—without the help of father or husband.

She should be equipped with nothing but the best. Warm, attractive, outdoorsy-looking clothing that both performs its function and makes her feel the part, from long-johns to wool sweater, should be added to her wardrobe. (I'm always amazed at what a job the ski industry has done in making women's wear for that sport not only marketable, but functional.)

Joyce Daignault has proven to be a real gem as a surf fishing companion to husband Frank. Photo by Frank Daignault.

Basic as it may sound, all her fishing tackle should be no less than that which you use yourself. We still see husbands outfitting their wives with junk. In a trip that Joyce and I recently enjoyed up north, I had to give up my best graphite fly rod because she was unable to cast with anything else; however, small price for developing her appreciation for northern rivers, as I will never have to beg for leave to go alone.

Psyche, clothing, and gear are considerations that come to mind, but these over-simplify. Your chances are still low and judging from what few women we see on river and beach, the gamble involved in acquiring the ultimate companion is a long one. Moreoever, we see it tried, often doomed to failure from the start. There are problems which are no fault of husband or wife. Every aspect of our culture—tradition, advertising—excludes women from traditional male activities while glorifying the kitchen. Women can't relate to fishing and men puff it up as a he-man, macho sport. Do you really have to be rugged to fight a striper? Small children in the home can limit your activities, but that's temporary.

Joyce and I got started in earnest—in a limited way before that—when I lost the best companion I had ever had, our son, Dick. I had started him in the surf when seven-years-old, sometimes finding him asleep in waders on the ground near the buggy and carrying him to his bunk. Growing up together, we did the striper coast day and night until he was 18 and shipped out with the Coast Guard. I had never before felt so alone, and Joyce knew it. No proclamations, just subtle suggestions, and she quietly slipped into his waders. (Of course it helped to have our other three children come to self-sufficient age.) Accident or design, perhaps a little of both, she came to love the shore and if she ever pretended, she did a dynamite job of hiding it.

Being up to your neck in fishing can be a lonely experience. The uninitiated never understand and while I suspect that there are many who secretly admire fishermen for their enthusiasm, a greater number kind of look at the whole thing as kind of nutty. When married to a person with those views, there is never anyone with whom you can share an important aspect of your life. Your worlds are separated and every time you bring up **the** subject, you don't risk being a bore—you **are** one. In the deep of winter with snow piled that high, we all yearn to talk of fishing. When your wife is your partner, fishing partner, it's only a pillow away.

But if you and I shovel against the tide with those who don't know what they are missing, imagine what it must be like for a woman. They start out as George's wife, or whatever, rarely acquiring an identity of their own. A male stronghold, sexism in the field is enough to send the Equal Rights Amendment back to committee. Word spreads like fire when "the woman" catches a fish—as though it were a surprise, as though it were not supposed to happen. However, river or beach, the lady who truly loves fishing is loved by the fishermen, but the social price she pays with other women is enormous. Some girls quietly admire her, but I'm sure that you can imagine that there are others, who no doubt faced all the earlier mentioned adjustments, often without success, who socially give her a wide berth. Quite naturally, fishermen gravitate to one another. I know that at a party in winter I drink with the fishermen. For Joyce, the temptation to join the boys is as great. Nothing Freudian, these are the people she can relate to. But try (meow) explaining that one to the girls—the traditional girls. The female who is totally involved in our gentle art finds the social small talk that others engage in painful and even hideous at times. She prefers, and inevitably seeks out the tackle talk of our craft. That ends up being with the boys—but it's often misunderstood.

For the man, and it's a price well worth paying, there is a higher level of aggressive behavior in the outdoors. Other anglers often get pushy when they realize a caster is—for confrontation purposes—alone. The he-men of the beach will take her spot first, especially when the bass price goes over two dollars. Husbands show a greater tendency to be over-protective than they would with another man. When it's your wife who is being intimidated, the elements of irrational behavior are in place: hospital or clink, you'll do time. Most men lack the ability to tolerate situations that involve their wives; worse, they are tested more often because of their initial position of weakness. Territorial problems ruin fishing for everybody, the effect sometimes lasting for wide-eyed beginners.

I've heard it a hundred times: that I'm blessed to have a woman who likes fishing. I've never forgotten it for a minute, but those who admire the operation seldom realize that we have our little spats, too. We often disagree on methods and locations. George Carlezon, who is one of P-Town's delightful old guard, once told me that the reason why big stripers are so hard to catch is that they are all females and can never make up their minds when following a plug. The story could have stood alone, but it was its timing that had poor Joyce fuming at the suspenders. We were in the midst of one of those trips where we were going to Nauset Beach all week, Her Majesty deciding in Orleans that P-Town might be better; moreoever, I had rigged some small eels for her spinner and she fished live ones all weekend. Somehow I get no sympathy from the gang. They might be trying to tell me something.

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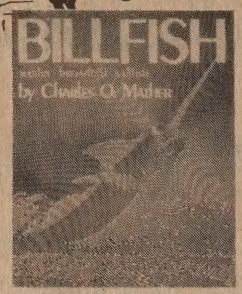

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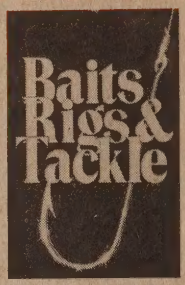

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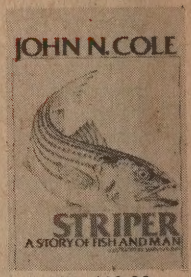

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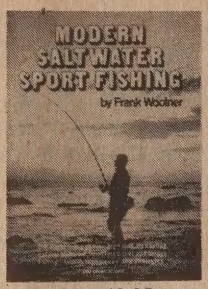

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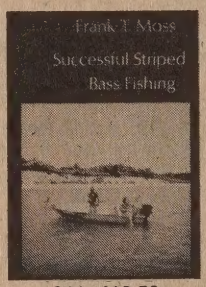

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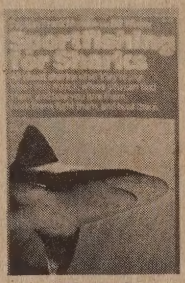

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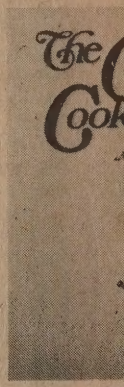

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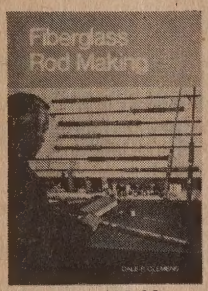

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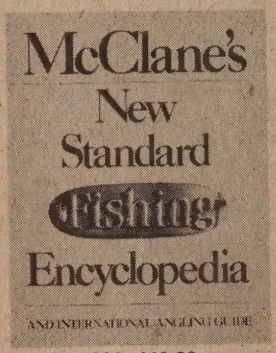

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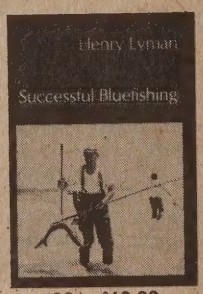

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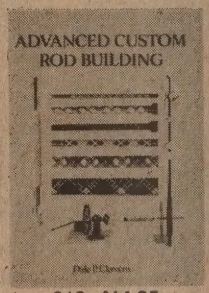

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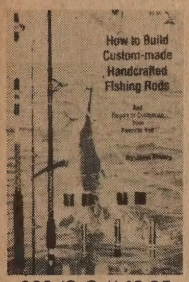

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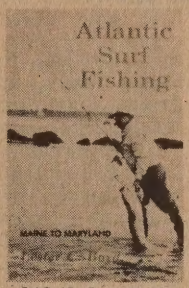

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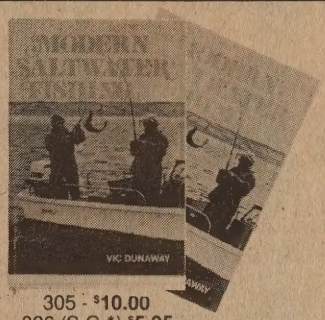

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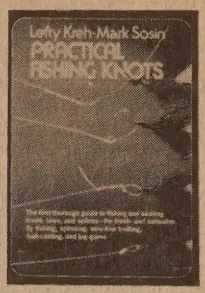

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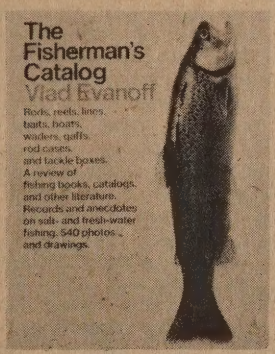

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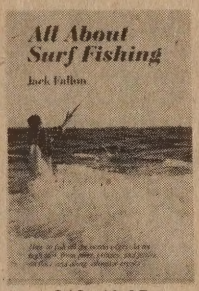

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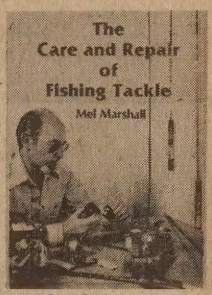

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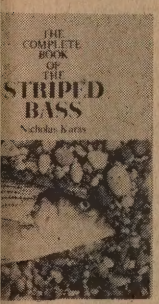

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WHAT'S NEW IN LURES?

Part One — by Al Ristori

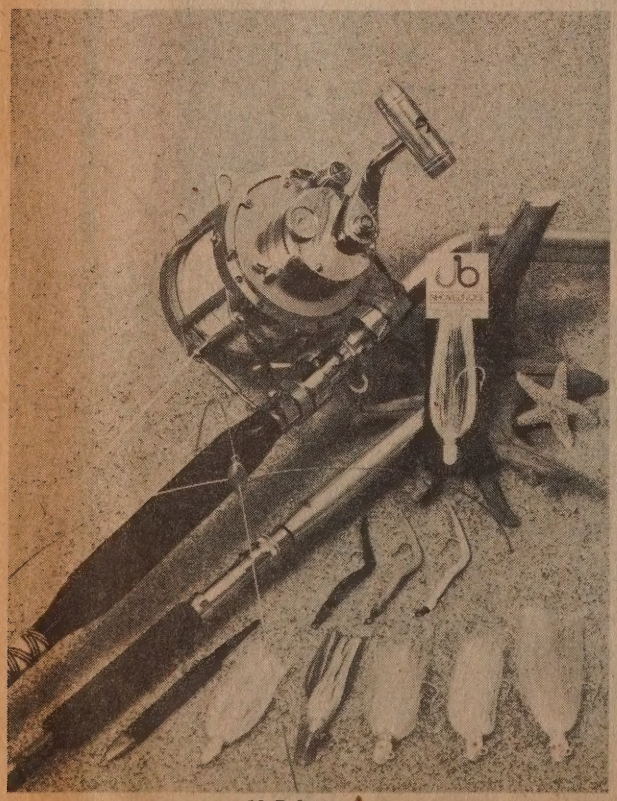
The one portion of the fishing tackle business that's fairly "recession-proof" is lure manufacturing. Even in bad times, people still go fishing. Indeed, high unemployment often results in more fishing. Fishing is fairly unique among participant sports in that there may even be a reward, in the form of fish on the table, at the end of the day that can be used to justify the time and expenditures involved to the better half and other non-believers. In order to fish, an angler must go through lures or bait on a regular basis—and sales of those items will be good as long as there are fish to be caught. On the other hand, the expense involved in buying new rods and reels can usually be put off—and that portion of the business can suffer in a recession.

Of course, all is not roses in the lure business. Low-priced imitations from the Orient have hurt many American manufacturers, and competition in all aspects of the lure market is intense. This is a business characterized by many relatively small firms, none of which have a very large share of the market. Yet, the old respected names seem to go on forever. In freshwater, there are old line firms such as Arbogast, Heddon, Helin, Hildebrandt and Worth. The advent of spinning after World War II made household names out of Mepps, and Al's Goldfish; while the plastic worm craze got companies like Mann's, Creme and Mister Twister going. Probably the biggest splash in recent times was made by the Rapala minnow from Finland. Normark, the importer, has since become one of the biggest firms in the field, and the craze started by that lure had led to many very successful imitations produced by companies such as Rebel (Plastics Research and Development) and Norman.

In saltwater there aren't quite as many old firms. There was relatively little fishing done in saltwater with manufactured lures prior to World War II. One of the exceptions was Creek Chub, now part of the Lazy Ike Corporation. Soon after the war, many saltwater lures were developed, and such names as Atom, Hopkins, and Stan Gibbs now seem to have been around forever. Down south, the same thing applies to the famous L&S Mirrolure. Many new manufacturers have entered the plug market in recent years, and names such as Danny, Lupo, Linesider, and Roberts have become familiar.

Even bigger markets have been created in diamond jigs and plastic tube lures. Bridgeport had the diamond jig almost all to itself for many years, until Artie Frey developed his Ava jigs. Fortunately for Artie, that development coincided with the tremendous expansion of sand eels in our waters during the past decade—and diamond jigs became one of the hottest lures around. Other new companies that started with plastics and other lures have now expanded into various types of metal jigs. These include Tri-Fin, Spider and J&B.

Another hot area has been the development of high speed trolling lures for offshore fishing. Sevenstrand has been the leader in this field, but other well established firms such as Boone and Tony Acetta are coming on strong. Newer firms that are taking a big piece of the market include Frank Johnson (formerly Mold Craft), Spider and J&B. Of course, in talking about relatively



J&B lures.

New Bridgeport Wobble Eel.

recent developments, we can't forget the umbrella rig—and Captain John Sekora who's turning them out by the ton!

The biggest thing to hit the lure industry in some time has been the natural print finishes now being used on almost every type of lures. It started off with freshwater plugs, but has spread to even spinners and spoons. Just about every type of possible prey fish (including young game fish) have been imitated, and Arbogast has even come up with Seein's Believin finishes in chipmunk, sparrow and red-winged blackbird! Frankly, these lures look good enough to eat, but the jury is still out on the response of fish to them. One manufacturers rep confessed to me that he prefers the old standard color combinations that don't really look like anything in particular. Those colors were worked out over the years to be most attractive to fish and usually seem to produce when the fish are inclined to hit. On the other hand, those imitations that look so good to us may lack some of the fish attracting flash and color of the old lures. After all, the natural coloration of most prey fish is supposed to provide them with at least some protection. Therefore, while you may find the new natural finish lures irresistible, be sure to also take along the same lure in the old standard colors. You may be surprised at which one will produce better.

Another big move in the plug business has been to new materials for lure making. Though the manufacturers use different names for their materials, they all appear to be a structural foam. Lures made in this fashion are solid, but have floating characteristics as good or better than hollow plastic lures. What's more, they are nearly indestructible! Heavy duty models can be made with the wire molded right in to prevent loss of hooks. Among the firms working with this material are Cordell, Lazy Ike, Boone and Crankbait. Everyone I've talked to seems enthusiastic and expects this to be the lure material of the future.

Now, let's take a look at some of the new lures on the market. In saltwater lures, local anglers are apt to be most intrigued with the many variations of the standard diamond jig now available. Whereas this was once a field with only one or two companies fighting for most of the business, there are now many firms getting into a rapidly expanding market. The diamond jig has long been a favorite with party boat anglers, and its effectiveness cannot be doubted. However, it was the emergence of the sand eel as the most prominent baitfish in the mid-Atlantic and New England that really heated up diamond jig sales. With most game fish feeding on sand eels, traditional methods of fishing (such as daytime chumming for bluefish) often failed, while diamond jigs produced fish on a

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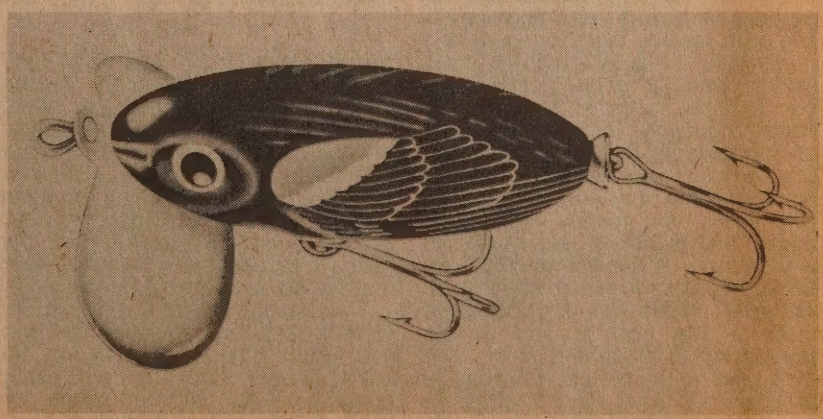
This Frank Johnson Soft Head accounted for blue marlin of the Texas coast worth $220,000. in prize money.



Red-winged blackbird finish on Arbogast Jitterbug.

COOL WEATHER CUSTOMERS

by Andy Regina

Along about the time that our normal fishing season starts to wind down on the western Sound and things start getting buttoned down against the forthcoming winter; when party boats stop sailing and rentals are hauled out and thoughts turn toward winter maintenance on private boats and fishing tackle, we get an invasion of little fish that stretch out the season and salvage our sanity a little longer. The fish we speak of is the Atlantic Tomcod (**Microgadus tomcod**), that mini-member of the cod family **Gadidae**, more commonly known as tommy cod or just plain tommy.

Resembling its larger brethren in general body shape and the presence of three dorsal fins and two anal fins, with a heavy body tipped with a large, subterminal mouth, it differs from the true Atlantic cod in the long ventral fins which taper into the shape of a filament. The posterior margin, or end, of the tommy's tail is rounded rather than being straight or slightly concave, and its eyes are quite small by comparison. In coloration, instead of being spotted as in the Atlantic cod, the tommy is olive or muddy green above, with dark spots or blotches forming a mottled pattern on its sides. Unlike the plain fins of the cod, the tommy's fins have wavy or mottled markings that can instantly differentiate it from the true cod, should any question arise as to proper identification at any time. Further more, this small species only grows to about fifteen inches and a little over one pound, with the average fish only about six to twelve inches long.

The tommy ranges the northeast coast from Labrador and the Gulf of St. Lawrence south to Virginia, and is common locally from Long Island northward. It is an inshore fish, seldom taken in water deeper than two to three fathoms, and may be taken commonly in brackish water and occasionally in freshwater during the winter. Hardy enough to withstand changes in salinity and sudden cold spells, the tommy finds Long Island Sound ideally suited as an environment. It spawns from November to February in either brackish or saltwater, where the fertilized eggs sink to the bottom and attach themselves to algae and rocks; and lives close to the bottom, utilizing its chin barbel and ventral fins as sensory organs to detect food. Its diet consists of small shrimp, amphipods, worms, clams, squid, and small fish, all of which are abundant in the Sound. This small but delicious fish is taken by anglers during the colder months of the winter, fulfilling a definite void in our fishing season as well as a gourmet's craving for some darned good eating. Dipped in flour and pan-fried to a golden brown, the flaky white meat has a delicate flavor that pleases almost everyone's palate.

Party boat passenger is pleasantly surprised with a tommy caught on bait intended for fall flounder.

They readily accept a wide variety of baits, and long after the last bait and tackle shop has closed for the winter we can still catch 'em, using pieces of fresh shrimp, clams, or squid bought at a fish market. They key word here is fresh: any frozen or processed stuff just does not seem to tempt those tiny rascals into biting, but they'll swarm all over fresh bait like kids at a candy counter. They are gregarious, and where you find one you'll find many, and may be taken from shore as well as from boats equally as well, making them ideal targets of opportunity when no boats are available. As a kid growing up in the Bronx, I can remember catching tommies from piers, docks, seawalls, and shore, on tarred droplines tethered to bells screwed into wooden planking to signal the tiny, tentative bites.

Because of its diminutive size, we heartily recommend using light or ultra-light tackle in your pursuit of this fish to heighten the spirited tussle that would be lost on heavy gear. No particular medium seems to be better suited than any other as long as you use light tackle, although freshwater spinning tackle appears to be created especially for detecting the light bite of this panfish as well as for enjoying its mini-scrap to the fullest. As we are dealing with small fish, you should realize that small hooks are called for in this case, to better fit into small mouths; #6 or #8 Beak or Sproat hooks, tied to eight inch snells and rigged in tandem above the lightest sinker you can efficiently hold bottom with will do the job nicely. We'll refrain from describing how to tie a tandem rig at this point, as it has been done countless times before by myself as well as other writers. If you are a little hazy on the subject just look up a back issue of The Long Island Fisherman and turn to a story by me or Matt Ahern—chances are that you'll find what you are looking for easily enough. If not, I'll be more than happy to answer any written request addressed to me via The Fisherman office.

Look for tommies on the same type of bottom structure you would equate with winter flounder—soft mud is ideal because of the penchant these fish have for grubbing on the bottom for shrimp, worms, and tiny bits of dislodged shellfish like clams and mussels. Using the same fishing techniques applied to flounders works just fine for tomcod also. Get your baits down on the bottom, where all the action will be, and bounce your sinker in and out of the mud a few times. As your sinker disturbs the bottom, it will unearth all sorts of

goodies that tommies love to eat—tiny worms or shrimp, or even pieces of clams—and hungry fish will be attracted by the puffs of mud they have learned to associate with free lunch. A slow, high lift of the rod will often prompt lazy tommies into striking your baits, just like in flounder fishing again, which technique works equally as well here too. Again, as with flounder, no sharp, violent hook-setting thrust of the rod is required here either, merely a gentle suggestion of a strike, and most tentative biters will be solidly hooked. With the tommy's similar desire for the flounder's habitat, and for its ready acceptance of like baits, combined with its availability via flounder-catching techniques, don't be surprised if you come up with flounders quite often. In fact, a pleasant surprise when using tandem rigs is that very often you will catch double-headers of a flounder on one hook and a tommy on the other—another good reason for employing similar techniques.

If fishing from a boat, do not hesitate to try the deeper water adjacent to channels, as quite often the bigger, red-nosed jumbos of this clan will be taken there—"big" fish that go up to a pound or a pound-and-a-half in weight. Low tides should see you prospecting the waters of deep holes as well as channel sloughs, and high water should be your signal to probe the inshore depths, as the fish will often come in close to shore on high tides, probing mud flats or pier pilings for food. Very often a moving tide will provide the most action, but tommies can be caught on the slack also, both the flood high and the low ebb; so you can fish for tommies any time at all. Unlike other species that can be taken only during the daylight hours, tommies can be caught at night also. In fact, you may find that nighttime provides better action, and many tommy devotees do most of their fishing at night. This is another plus in the tommy's favor, enabling you to sneak out for a couple of hours of fishing after work instead of falling asleep in front of the boob tube.

Fishing from shore for tommy cod can also be very productive, especially at night or in the evening hours. Here you can utilize any available place on shore to fish from: deserted floats, piers, docks, seawalls, jetties, or any shore line real estate, as long as it is not private property. If any desired location is restricted to private use, many times you can achieve access by the simple expedient of seeking permission from the owner before time. In most instances a polite request will be granted, and if you leave the property undamaged and unlittered chances are that future requests will also be granted, for you as well for other decent fishermen. And if you are granted permission and are lucky enough to catch a good mess of tommies (as will usually be the case), an offer of some fish to the property owner is in good order. Even if your offer is declined, it will be remembered by the owner the next time you seek access to his property, and the gesture may expedite more gate-openings for you.

When fishing from docks, piers, floats, or bulkheads (in fact, any place with some height above the water, you can utilize the act of jigging, which seems to improve our catches of tommies. Simply drop your line straight down to the bottom and bounce the sinker up and down a few times, then let it rest on the bottom for a couple of minutes. As mentioned earlier, hungry tommies will come over to investigate the puffs of mud raised by your bouncing sinker, and should spot your baits laying there. After giving 'em some time to spot and start eating your bait, that long, slow lift of the rod will not only let you know if a tommy is biting, but will spur lazy fish into swallowing what they think is escaping food. If casting from shore and jigging techniques cannot be utilized, very often you can prod fish into taking your baits by simply reeling in some line a few feet at a time and pausing for a few minutes before reeling in some more line. Interested fish should follow your baits, and the pauses between retrieves should give 'em enough time to get hooked.

Any time you fish from a dock or pier, do not be in too much of a hurry to cast far away where "the big ones are," as very often tommies will be right in your immediate vicinity, feeding on the food collected on the pilings of the very platform you are fishing from. The barnacle and mussel-clad pilings not only provide food in themselves, but host minute marine life that also attracts tommies, and the weed growth often hosts a haven for small fish and shrimp—two more tommy tidbits. At any rate, it might prove beneficial if you prospected your immediate area first, as you can always cast out a bit if no fish are nearby.

Almost any place in the western Sound will host tommy cod, and some of the past proven spots in the past, for me, have never been very far away from my home in the Bronx. City Island, Pelham Bay, Eastchester Bay, the shore line along Country Club, Ferry Point Park under the Whitestone Bridge, the shore line under the Throgg's Neck Bridge—almost any place on the Bronx and Westchester shore line where you can cast into the Sound. Long Island holds Little Neck Bay and Whitestone Park, as well as the jetties west of Fort Totten that have always given us fun with tommies also, and the East River at East 138th Street and along Hunt's Point used to have some of the biggest tommies around.

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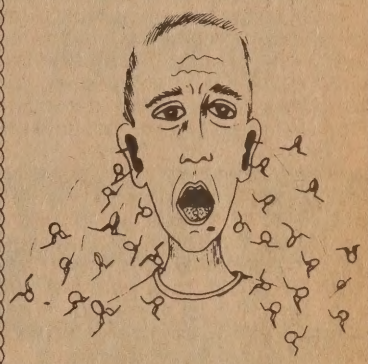

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Capt Phil Lewis of the **Adios** called to say that bass and blue fishing seem to have wound up early this year due to the November gails. The boat's last three bass were taken Friday by George King's group. The blackfishing is excellent with a few small cod getting their licks in. Phil is winding up the season and would like to thank everyone that sailed with him for another successful year. The boat will resume sailing in March. As an afterthought, Phil told us about a 43 lb. striper taken by Neil Napolitano several days ago.

Clayton Moses and friends with part of a catch of nine bass to 36 lbs. taken last week at Montauk aboard the "Adios."

Charterboat **King Wayne** reports that Saturday's charter for Gary Hughes of Bergenfield NJ and party, depleted the SW Ledge area of 82 big blackfish and 34 medium cod. The blacks and cod hit green crab and clam baits. The pool fish caught by Gary was a 28 lb. cod. The skipper asked us to let you know that he still has a couple of weekend dates open and he will finish the season's fishing in mid December.

Captain John DeMaio of the **Vivienne** called to report super blackfishing at Block Island in recent days. Saturday's charter returned with 82 big tautogs up to 10 lbs. Total catch came to nearly 400 lbs. In addition, the group had 12 cod to 12 lbs. and 13 nice flounder taken on a quick stop back to the dock. Green crabs are the ticket for the blacks. John said that up until Thursday, big blues in the 10-18 lb. class were still being jigged at the Hooter buoy, but this action died with the arrival of the weekend. The captain still has a few open dates left between now and the end of November, so give him a call if you'd like to get in one last shot at filling the freezer.

Captain Richie Rade of the open boat **Marlin IV** reported he's been fishing the Block Island grounds and loading up with blackfish to 13 lbs. Friday, Saturday and Sunday all witnessed very good action with some 6 and 7 lb. cod also being taken on green crabs and clams meant for the tautogs.

Fred Battusis checked in this 50¾ lb. striper at Montauk Marine Basin. He took it on a live eel at Great Eastern.

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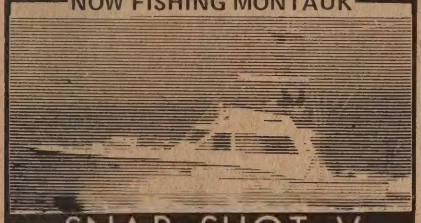

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SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** called the flatfishing in Shinnecock and Noyac Bays "steady." Worms have been accounting for good catches of nice sized fish. Thom added that he looked over a four-man catch of two dozen big blacks on Sunday. The fish were taken on green crabs near Little Gull Island. The largest went 9 lbs.

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** said that good flounder fishing continues at buoys 42, 44, the Coast Guard Station and in the Quogue Canal. Worms and clams have both been working and Bill said that the ratio of keepers to throwbacks is high. He had no word of any cod over the weekend, but one private boat that fished in 90' of water did return with a load of big ling.

Joe Falke of Queens with some "Cartwright slammers" up to 18 lbs. taken on whole herring. Joe keeps his boat at Gone Fishing Marina.

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BLACKFISH

BABYLON

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle**, Freddie reported a fine catch of 40 flounder for Lou Clements on Saturday. Lou fished Squaw Island. An all-club cod contest was run over the weekend with a decent showing of the winter kings in 90' to 105' of water south of the Inlet providing enough action to make the contest interesting. Among the Babylon Tuna Club members who made a good showing in the contest were Charlie Saladino who put a 54 lber. aboard the Narda II, Joe Carione who had fish of 42 and 36 lbs. on his Angel Jean, and Walt Krawczyk who put a 46 lber. in the cockpit of the Angel Jean.

CAPTREE

Capt George Tweedy of the **Capt Scotty** who is now seeking cod, blacks and other targets of opportunity, reports that there are now mackerel around and also whiting to be caught on open bottom. On the days he sailed this week the blackfishing was very good on the outside reef and this blackfishing should last for a good while now. Lots of bait being marked. Three cod were boated Friday along with over 100 blacks from 3 to 5 lbs.

Capt Bob Patafio of the charterboat **Yankee III** accounted for 25 cod on Saturday's open reservation trip with the pool fish hitting 25 lbs. and 4 fish

Jim Heinl boated this 51 lb. pool winning cod at Coxes Ledge aboard the "Viking Star."

Dennis Lamm, Jr. caught these 38 blues with his dad and Harold Smith out of Shinnecock Inlet aboard the Fish 'N Magician.

in the 10 lb. class. Lots of doggies around the edges of the wrecks and A 19 lb. pollack was also taken. A private boat fishing the same wreck had several cod also, in waters nearing the 200' depth.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph** knew that private boats picked from 1-4 cod apiece on open bottom over the weekend. This is an encouraging sign and the skipper looks for a steady improvemment in the codfishing as water temperatures drop.

Captain Richie Abrams who skippers the open boat **Captain Whitaker** asked us to wish all of his customers a healthy, happy holiday season as they have retired the good ship for the year. Captain Richie added that although the blackfishing in the bay is over, there has been some excellent fishing outside on the Fire Island ocean reef.

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FLOUNDERS

SEAFORD

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** tells us that Friday and Saturday's flounder fishing saw very good results with lots of flounder being caught. For the second year in a row we are having a late flounder season. High hook boat for the week was 70 good keepers.

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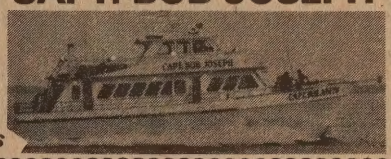

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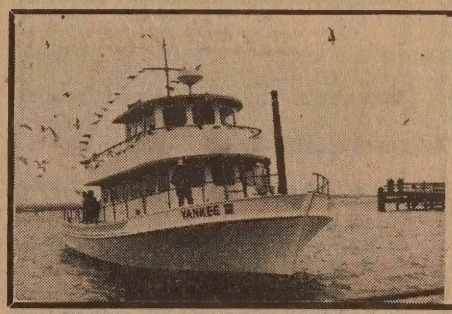

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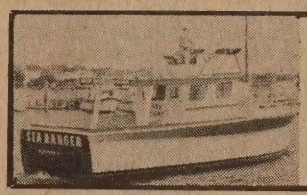

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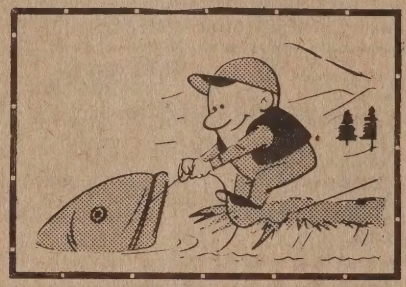

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There seem to be pods of large and pods of small flounders in different areas. A Mr. Longerillo scored with 60 flatties Saturday from ¾ to 1½ lbs. on worm and clam. Mr. L. fished the 2nd Wantagh (the drawbridge) on the west side by anchoring up and laying into the bridge.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** admits he stole a few hours Thursday and after managing to find Rowboat Alley in Merrick Bay, pulled 10 keeper flatties and returned 15 semi-midgets on worms and no chum. This was on a flooding tide. Scott says flounder action has been generally good Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with fish plentiful in Merrick Bay and Haunts Creek.

BALDWIN

Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** says there was a great flounder weekend. Sixty flounders, all keepers, were caught by Baldwin angler Bill Marmo Saturday in the Flats near Sea Dog Island in a deep hole. Bill says these fish were all 1 to 2 pounders and he had no throwbacks. The fish wanted worms and chose to dine on incoming water. Off Boces in Middle Bay two kids casting from the shore scored with nice catches of flounder, says Jack and in the same area working about 300' off the beach, a skiff had a solid catch of flounder from 1 to 1¼ lbs. Most boats that went after them, caught.

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BLACKFISH

GREENPORT

Art White reported from his **A.P. White Bait Shop** that blackfishing has been super at Gull and Plum Islands and also in the Sound off of Mulford Point. Captain Dave Brennan aboard the **Peconic Start** did an excellent job with the fish over the weekend. Pool fish has been around the 10 lb. mark each day. On Sunday, a half dozen cod were mixed with the tautogs. The Captain noted that he will continue sailing on the blackfish run through this coming weekend. Art White added that for those looking for flounder, some good flatfish scores are being made at Petty's Bight and off of East Marion.

SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** informs us that blackfishing was

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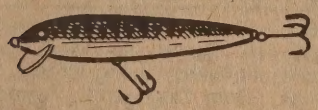

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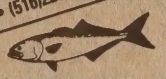

excellent on Saturday with many good anglers getting a dozen or more fish. The pool blackfish was in the 10 to 12 lb. class. Sunday's action was sensational at times with blacks coming over the rail like porgies. The skipper's brother Robert Lach had 25 big blacks. "The Professor" who fished last Sunday was back again and loaded up with big blacks. The pool fish was a 12 pounder with many other blackfish close behind. Many other killer blackfish were lost due to the fact that some anglers were using tackle too light for the job. Flood has been the best. Action has been at Plum Island, Little and Big Gull Islands. Please note that the boat is sailing weekends only.

WEST END
SOUTH SHORE
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDERS

FREEPORT

The **Capt Al** says that he is getting a few cod each day the boat sailed this past week. Good action was experienced at Cholera by his customers Saturday. Alviess Speed-bey of Queens was high hook with 7 cod. Runner up high hook was 4 cod. On Sunday's trip Ivan Ljuljie and Robert Rojas of Glen Cove, were tied for the pool, each of them landing a 39 lb. cod. Rojas had in addition to the 39 pounder a 31 pounder and a 30 pounder. This was all on wrecks though Al has heard of some open bottom cod being caught. A few ling and blackfish up to 9 lbs. were mixed in. Water temps is dropping and mackerel are also starting to show.

The **Starstream II** reports a few cod being caught everyday, though there is no slaughter as yet. Capt Richie is hitting the wrecks but he says a few fish are also being caught on open bottom. However it is still early for really productive open bottom cod action. The cod are accepting clam baits readily. A few blacks and sea

Some of the jumbo blacks caught aboard the "Wilhelric II" out of Sag Harbor. Don Palm, center, hefts his 14 lb. pool winner.

bass are being caught also on some of the wrecks along with the cod. Some ling are hitting as well. Every wreck has its open unique mixture of species. A 40 lb. cod was caught by Paul Lapenski of New Hyde Park on Friday. Fifteen cod were swung aboard for 15 fares Saturday, and a handful on Sunday. Macks are showing, so Richie says bring along your mackerel trees. A few large ling are being caught. Everything is clam bait. A 46 pounder was caught on Friday's trip. The skipper says that on every trip he is searching for the elusive "Bulbus" cod.

The **Capt Bill**, running two half-day flounder trips daily reports that his fares are getting good catches of flounders locally on both the morning and afternoon trips whenever he gets out. With water temps falling, the flounder fishing should be improving on a daily basis.

The **Capt Lou Fleet** reports that its full day boat saw a high hook catch of 50 flatties Thursday and 38 on Saturday. Capt Mike says he is fishing all local hot spots and the fish are running from ½ to 1 lb. The pool fish are generally running 1¾ lbs.

Capt Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** asked us to let you know that the **Blue Fin III** will be sailing for cod on an open reservation basis December 13th and 14th. See ad for phone number if interested in socking a way some delicious cod fillets.

Lou's Fishing Station reported a fair showing of cod on open bottom in 95' to 110' of water, 150° to 160° out of the inlet. In addition, whiting and mackerel are mixed with the cod. On Sunday, the Christie Lee spent just a couple of hours in 105' of water and put away 4 cod including fish of 24 and 29 lbs. They also had some mackerel and whiting. Lou also knew that the open boat **Captain Al** had quite a few cod on both Saturday and Sunday. He described the flounder fishing as fine for some and slow for

Blues of 15 and 12 lbs. taken aboard the Sheepshead Bay "Elsie K II" by J. Victor and T. Vegas.

others. Blackfishing has been outstanding on the Artificial Reef outside of Jones Inlet. There is no lack of tautogs at 17 Fathoms either. John Tonkawitch proved this on Sunday when he returned with a load of tautogs aboard his Memory H.

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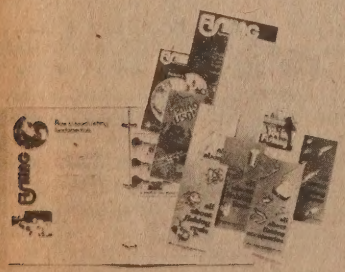

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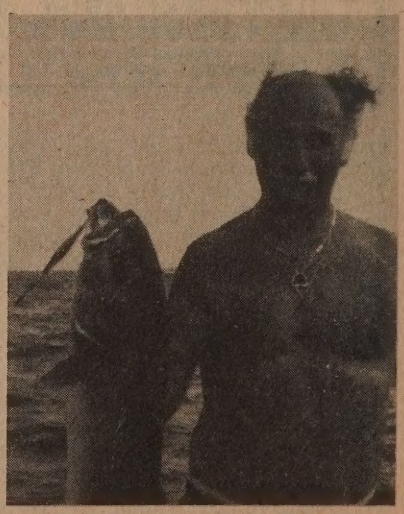
POINT LOOKOUT

Capt Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** fished flounders locally Sunday in Fundy, Long Creek, Swift Creek, Sea Dog and Reynold's Channel. Small to medium flounders were picked in each area with clam baits working best. Thirteen year old Pete Rubin of Long Beach took the pool with a 1¼ lb. flattie. Dennis says that he will be running open boat cod trips by reservation only December



Elliot Blond caught this big chopper at buoy 11B, Eaton's Neck on a diamond jig. Subscriber photo.

A party headed by John Osterholm put away 16 stripers from 10 to 20 lbs. along with a few 12 lb. weaks on recent trip aboard Capt. Ronnie Lepper's "Kim."

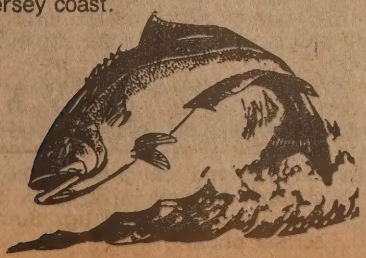
6th, 13th, 14th. See ad for phone number. Dennis says he heard of one boat, usually reliable, that had 10 cod fishing open bottom on the weekend, a good sign.

LONG BEACH

Reporting from **Long Beach Sports Marina**, Bernie Haag told of a catch of 40 flounder made by Al Richie of Whitestone. Included in the catch was one monster of 3½ lbs. Al did his fishing behind Duck Point and used worms and heavy mussel chum. Bernie noted that some good flounder scores are also being made at the railroad trestle. Frank Cullington and John Stein continue to do well with stripers outside of Rockaway Inlet. The pair used jigs and umbrella rigs to put away a box of bass on both Saturday and Sunday. Fish range anywhere from 3-8 lbs. Still a few blacks at the Atlantic Beach bridge on fiddlers and green crabs. Bernie asked that we remind customers that although they will be closed on Thanksgiving Day they will be open for the remainder of the long weekend and as long after as there are fish around.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ronnie Lepper of the charterboat **Kim** called to say that the striped bass fishing continues to be good and that he had 158 stripers in his last 9 trips, all keepers. Most were school fish from 5 to 10 lbs. but on other days he runs into schools of 8 to 15 pounders. Ron says that also a lot of sturgeon have been caught and that he saw 20 of them snagged in his last several trips. The sturgeon are going 20 to 30 lbs. This is all from the Tin Can to Highlands Bridge off the Jersey coast.



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Bill Hughes speaking from **Ronnie's Tackle Shop** reported that the rips at Eatons Neck remain loaded with school bass. The fish are being taken on both jigs and umbrella rigs whenever boatmen can get out. Just how hot the fishing was on Thursday, is best demonstrated by local sharpy "Rocco" who put away 95 stripers from 3-10 lbs. Big blackfish still for the catching at buoy 11B. Biggest fish checked in over the weekend was an 11 lber. Green crabs work best for the big blacks.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

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BLACKFISH

CITY ISLAND

From **Jack's Bait and Tackle** Jack reported that flounder are still being taken in the vicinity of Harts Island on worms. He looked over a nice catch of flatties made there on Saturday by one of the local youngsters. Best blackfishing is now in 35-40' of water and most boats have been working towards the Connecticut shore. Plenty of school bass remain in the area, with Rebels, bucktails and worms counting for fish ranging from shorts up to 6 lbs.

Eleven-year-old Jordan Gould won the pool aboard the 'Apache IV' with the 2 lb. porgy on the left.

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SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Among the ranks of Long Island surfcasters are many who make frequent jaunts to Cape Cod, a mecca for those who seek trophy stripers. One of the few places left on the coast where a buggy can be used to cover mile after mile of productive surf, this area too is threatened with the unjustified closing of beaches to four-wheel drive vehicles.

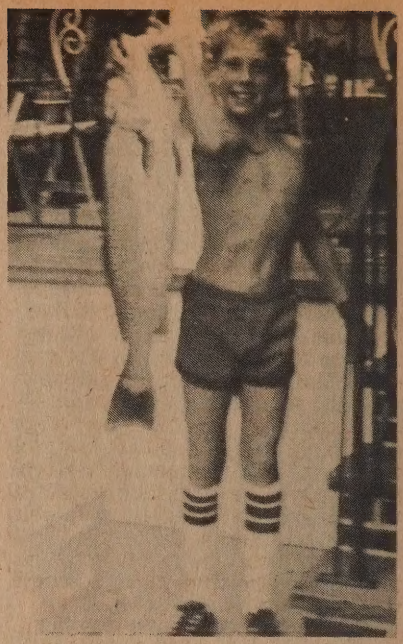
The National Park Service has decided to hold two meetings to discuss the proposed closings on, of all times, a Monday night December 1 at 7:30 p.m. and a Tuesday night, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. Despite the tremendous inconvenience of the scheduling, a good turnout is vital to ensure the future of four-wheel drive vehicle use on the beaches of the Cape. Some metropolitan area casters who regularly fish Cape Cod are making the trip north at the expense of losing two day's work.

A substantial body count is needed to substantiate the tremendous economic impact surfcasters have on the area. A trend towards restricted access could spell disaster for an economy based entirely on its recreational potential.

If these highly productive beaches hold fond memories of past trips for you, it is in your own best interest to find the means to attend these hearings. We might add that prodding the Park Service along on the issue, is an interest group with questionable motivations. For those planning on making the trip, hearings will be held at Faneuil Hall in Boston on the first and in the Salt Pond Visitors Center, located in Eastham Township on December 2nd. If it is impossible to be present, a letter addressed to the National Park Service might help.

Getting around to the local scene, the 1980 season is rapidly spiraling into winter. Nonetheless, a couple of fish are still scattered around the Island. Out in Montaúk, Johnny Kronuch was preparing to make this his final week before heading south for the winter. He knew of a couple of school bass taken on Red Gill droppers on False Bar both Saturday and Sunday evenings around dark. That's been about the extent of the surf action. I fished Montauk on two occasions last week with nary a bump for my efforts. On Thursday night, Montauk regular Lou Mira and myself were plagued with a stubborn flock of gulls which blanketed the water we were attempting to fish out in front of the Light. After experimenting with several different hoots and catcalls, Lou solved the dilemma by raising the brazen birds with a mere clap of the hands. You might want to store that for future reference.

Artie Firman and Chet Sennig with 11 lb. 2 oz. blackfish, the largest of 21 taken at Eaton's Neck. Fish were checked in at Four Winds Tackle Shop.



Young Jimmy Kilfeather landed this 11¾ lb. tiderunner weak on a diamond jig at Eaton's Neck. He fished aboard the private boat, Pal's Lady. Subscriber photo.

Back at Shinnecock, Thom Speckenbach reported the only surf news from his area concerned a 42 lb. striper taken from the Southampton Town Beach Friday morning. While Thom did not see the fish he was told by several reliable sources about the catch.

John Schauer of Islip Terrace found a small school bass beneath a horde of baitfish at Robert Moses Parking Field 4 late Friday. John used a small white popper to tempt the schoolie.

Moving around to City Island, Jack reported from his Bait and Tackle Shop that there are lots of shorts and some school bass to 7 lbs. being taken in Turtle Cove on Rebels, small bucktails and sand worms.

Out in Huntington where school bass are stacked in the Eatons Neck rips for boatmen, Bill Hughes told me from Ronnie's Tackle Shop that casters digging their own tape worms at low water have been doing a pretty fair job on school bass as well as a few in the teens, along Crab Meadow. High water after dark with a northwest wind is the right combination.

Way out in Greenport, Art White of A.P. White Bait Shop spoke of lots of short bass and a few keepers taken on tin last week at Horton's Point. Art added that big blues have been making sporadic appearances in the same area.

What's New In Lures?

(Continued from page 19.)

regular basis.

The long-time leader in this field is the Bead Chain Tackle Company, manufacturer of the famous Bridgeport jigs. Though this is an "old line" firm that hasn't changed much over the years, there has been plenty of movement since Pete Renkert came aboard. A few trips to Montauk convinced Pete that changes were necessary, and Bridgeport now has several models equipped with single hooks and swivels. In fact, Pete has tried to convert other areas to this rigging—though without much success. Among the recent additions to the Bridgeport line have been the flattish Slab jigs and Sand Eel jigs. The latter was made from a long-existing mold of a jig with a built-in hook, but is now equipped with swivel and single hook. The latest introduction is the Wobble Eel, a bent, scaled jig with a tube tail that is suitable for trolling as well as for jigging.

A real pioneer in diamond jigs has been Artie Frey with his Long Island made Ava jigs. It was Artie who started the trend to diamond jigs that weren't actually diamond-shaped, but did have swivels and single hooks. The three ounce Ava-27 has become the best known of individual jigs, and the De-May-O sand eel jig (patterned after the slim lead jig created by noted Montauk skipper John DeMaio) is another good seller. New this year are luminescent jigs that absorb natural sunlight and emit a greenish glow at any depth. These jigs should be especially effective in great depths—and may even prove practical at night. For night fishing, they can be charged with a flashlight. I tried these jigs on silk snappers in the depths off Hannibal Bank in Panama last April and found them to be very productive.

Mickey Chiarenza has done a very good job with his Tri-Fin products, and is now into metal jigs in a big way. His latest is the Tri-Fin Spoon Jig, a heavy curved spoon with tube tail which can be jigged. Other metal jigs in his line include the Flatfish, Teardrop, Sand Eel and Deep Swimmer models. Vic Galgano has established a solid reputation for his Spider Lures produced by GM Products in Milltown, New Jersey. Vic is especially big in tube lures designed for both jigging and trolling. However, he's also now into diamond jigs and should prove a real force in this field. J&B Tackle, the Connecticut firm noted for their plastic-headed Driftweight jig (popular for bucktail jig drifting in such areas as Plum Gut, the Sluiceway and The Race), also now have the six ounce Twist-A-Jig sand eel-shaped metal jig.

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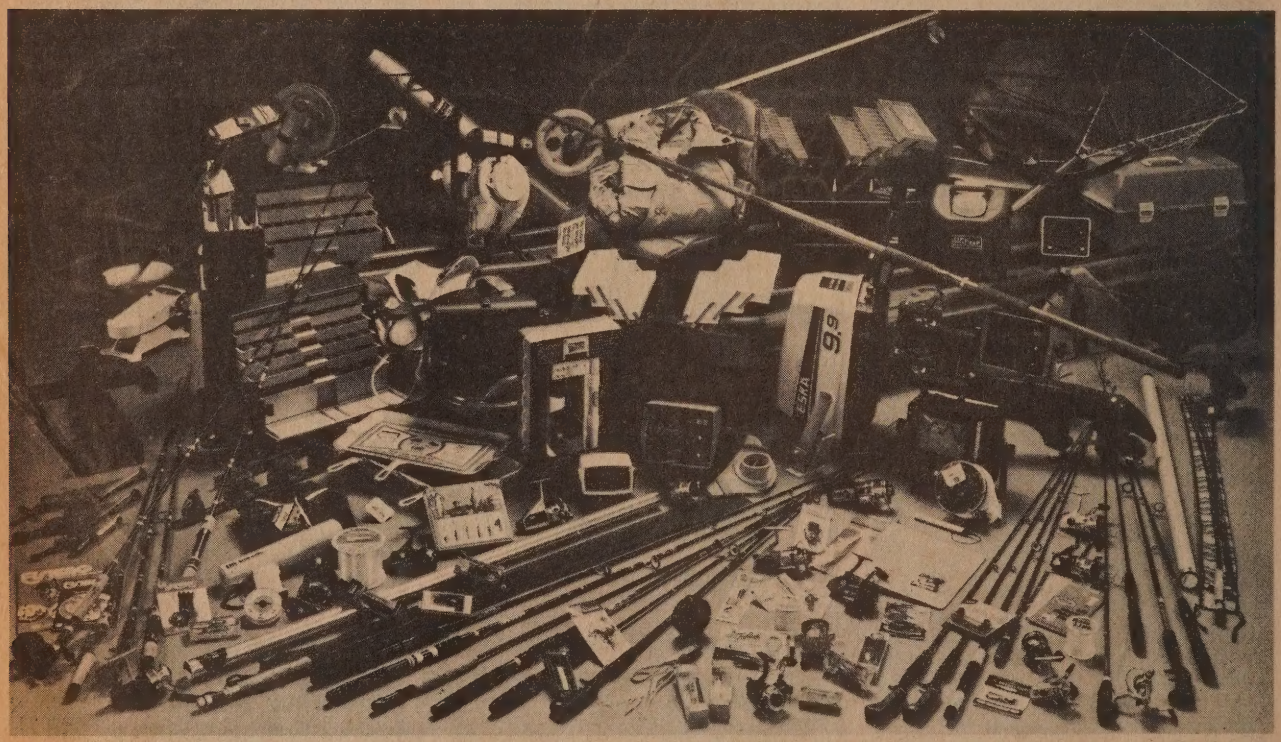

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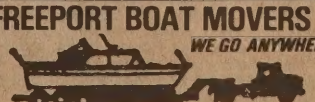
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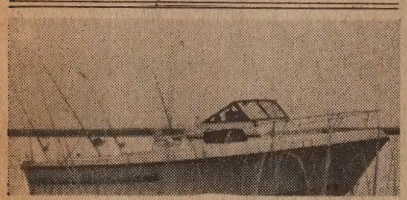

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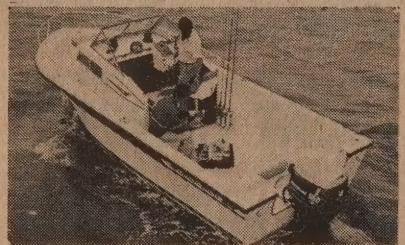

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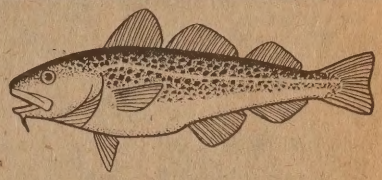

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